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Labour Party threat to oust Scottish 'rebel' group

Members of the "rebel" Scottish Labour Party were warned yesterday that they were in danger of being excluded from the British party. Mr James McGrandle, the Labour Party's interim organizer in Scotland, said the rebel group, which is bitterly opposed to Labour's devolution plans, could make itself ineligible for British Labour Party membership if it recruited members and put up local or national candidates.

Crucial meeting in Glasgow today

From Ronald Faux
Glasgow

An appeal to socialists in Scotland who joined the "rebel" Scottish Labour Party to think again and return to the official party came yesterday from Mr James McGrandle, interim organizer for the party in Scotland.

In a statement he warned the rebels they were in danger of excluding themselves from the British Labour Party. If the new organization recruited members and put up candidates for local government, the Scottish Assembly or national government elections the new group would be a political party in the true sense.

"If this is the case, and it seems clear that it is, then their party is ineligible for affiliation to the British Labour Party and their membership is ineligible to participate in the Labour Party."

Mr James Sillars, Labour MP for Ayrshire, South, who has closely associated himself with the Scottish Labour Party, described the statement as "bureaucratic response to a complex political situation. It amounts to an instruction for our expulsion from the British Labour Party. The calculation is clearly that it will halt the advance of the SNP. I believe it will speed it up."

Today the Scottish executive of the Labour Party meets in Glasgow to discuss the delicate situation created in Scotland by an opposing socialist party. It will discuss what action to take if the olive branch now being extended by the official party is ignored. And according to early signs, that action is likely to be stern.

The breakaway party is to be inaugurated in Glasgow on January 18. It has sprung from a small group of socialists who support Mr Sillars's intense opposition to the Government's devolution White Paper. They believe the proposals would not give enough real teeth to the Scottish Assembly and insist that more direct control over economic and industrial matters should be handed over by Whitehall to the assembly executive.

The group also believes Scotland should have a Labour Party which is independent of control by the National Executive Committee at Transport House. In the past leaders of the party in Scotland have frequently pointed out that there is no such thing as the Scottish Labour Party. It is, in fact, the Scottish council of the British Labour Party and is subordinate to the national executive in London.

The new party believes the socialist movement should be confronting the Scottish National Party with "real Socialist policies" and not give the impression of reacting constantly to nationalist gains. Such an impression of expediency, they say, is causing support for the official party in Scotland to melt away. The opinion polls and by-election results recently tend to support this view.

The position of Transport House is very delicate. The new party has claimed two executive members of the Labour Party's Scottish council and there is little chance now that Mr McGrandle's olive branch will be accepted. The new party has printed 2,000 membership forms. Recruiting is to begin soon and Mr Alec Neil has been appointed full-time secretary.

If the new movement is successful in appealing to disillusioned Labour voters who are on the brink of turning to the Scottish National Party, it will be a double danger for the official Labour movement. According to Mr McGrandle's definition, the group will be clearly unconstitutional and its members subject to expulsion from the Labour Party.

Members of the official party find it hard to understand how Mr Sillars could continue in his present position. If he were to be expelled as an MP, that would put the Government's majority at risk. The greatest fear within the party in Scotland, however, is that if the SLP proves to be attractive it could dangerously split the Labour vote in Scotland, where 35 Labour MPs have nationalists immediately behind them.

In his statement, Mr McGrandle said he intended to set out the constitutional position of the British Labour Party in

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Minister says Right Rev Hugh Montefiore preached Monty Python sermon in Washington

Bishop attacked for evidence at US Concorde hearing

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Two senior British aviation figures made stinging attacks yesterday on the Bishop of Kingston, the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, over the evidence which he gave at an inquiry in Washington earlier this week against the Concorde supersonic airliner on noise grounds.

Mr Kaufman, Minister of State at the Department of Industry, who led the presentation at the hearing of the British case for Concorde to be allowed to land in the United States, said that the bishop had preached "a Monty Python sermon" and described his appearance before the inquiry as "a music-hall turn".

Lord Boyd-Carpenter, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, asked: "Would it not have been more useful, not to say more appropriate, if he had devoted his time to spiritual matters, rather than the temporal sort of sky-piloting for which I grant licences?"

The bishop, addressing the inquiry as president of the Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise, said that the noise of Concorde could be unbearable, and described it as being "more like a secular form of purgatory".

He said yesterday: "Concorde is a wonderful technological achievement and a machine of great beauty. But as a bishop in South London I am concerned about the people who have to endure the noise from the flight path."

Speaking at a London press conference yesterday, Mr Kaufman said of the bishop: "I paid no attention to what he said. He provided not a single fact, but froth and emotion. I do not believe that in a serious hearing before a responsible member of the United States cabinet, it does much good to go along and preach a Monty Python sermon.

"I do not believe that kind of music-hall turn does any good at a serious hearing. I am happy to say that our opponents relied far more on froth than on fact."



The Right Rev. Hugh Montefiore (left): "I did not go out to wreck Concorde"; Lord Boyd-Carpenter (centre): "More useful . . . if he had devoted his time to spiritual matters"; Mr Kaufman (right): "froth and emotion".

Lord Boyd-Carpenter, who was Conservative MP for Kingston-upon-Thames for many years, said at a luncheon in Coventry that he was sorry that the bishop should think it appropriate to travel to America to try to wreck the commercial future of the finest product of the British aircraft industry.

"Surely in his diocese there is work to be done which could fully engage even his bounding energies? Is there not religious apathy to be fought, lax morality to be countered? Are there not humble homes to be visited and prayed in? Are there no hard-pressed clergy who look for help to their Father-in-God? Would it not have been more useful, not to say more appropriate, if he had devoted his time to spiritual matters rather than to the temporal sort of sky-piloting for which I grant licences?"

Answering Lord Boyd-Carpenter's comments, the bishop said: "I didn't go to America at my own expense. I went as president of the Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise. I did not go out to wreck Concorde. I went out because it will cause great distress to people's lives. It is twice as loud as the old jets. Machines should be for people, and not people for machines."

He had heard the noise made by Concorde. It sounded from far off like "a terrible thunder clap". The bishop said Mr Kaufman's comments could not be taken seriously. Every statement he had made in Washington had been supported by evidence in a written submission.

How Brann suddenly ceased to be an unperson

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 9

M and Mme Le Goarnic, of Kertalg-en Moëlan, Finistère, have suddenly become officially the parents of six children aged 12 to 19. They did not adopt them, nor were the children some kind of prodigious sextuplets: it is simply that the Le Goarnics are Bretons and insisted on giving their children Breton names.

Through the intervention of M Aimé Paquer, the French "ombudsman", the authorities now recognize that M and Mme Le Goarnic have six children, magnificently named Adraboran, Maiwenn, Gwendal, Diwezha, Sklerijen and Brann.

Oddly enough, the state already knew the Le Goarnics were the parents of Garlone, Katell (Catherine), Gwenn, Morgann, Patrick and Yann, for their names were registered without any trouble. But then the family moved to Boulogne-sur-Seine, a suburb of Paris.

The secretary of the *mairie* there refused to register the names of the newcomers to the family in the 1950s and 1960s on the ground that the names were not covered by a law passed during the French Revolution. This stipulated that first names must be taken from one of the recognized calendars.

The law was amended in 1905 to allow parents to choose other names but not retroactively, and the Le Goarnic children continued to have no existence legally. At first the parents could not receive maternity benefits and family allowances, but in 1962 the Court of Appeal of Rennes ruled that an official registration was not needed to qualify. No arrears were paid, however.

M Le Goarnic was determined to obtain a complete capitulation of the authorities. After having tried fruitlessly all national and international legal means (the International Court at The Hague declared itself incompetent), he and his wife heard yesterday from M Paquer that the Minister of Justice had entrusted the public prosecutor at Rennes with the task of "obtaining a regularization of the official registration of their children".



Photograph by Harry Kerr

Feeding sparrows in the sunshine in St James's Park, London.

Threat of a national steel strike deepens

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The threat of a national steel strike deepened last night as talks on compromise cuts in the wage bill dragged on without any sign of success. Left-wing leaders in the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation were confidently predicting a heavy majority in favour of a strike ultimatum emerging at a meeting of the union's executive this morning. One count put the majority at 17 to 4 for industrial action.

The worsening crisis in the industry came after a day of fruitless talks during which the British Steel Corporation refused to retreat from its proposals for cutting the wage bill by £170m this year, and asked the trade unions to accept tens of thousands of redundancies.

An emergency session of the executive of the confederation, the largest union in the industry, was held last night during a break in the negotiations, but it was adjourned until 10 am today to allow the union leaders more time to seek a compromise with the BSC.

The prospects of a settlement seemed poor. After 1,000 strikers at Port Talbot, South Wales, decided at a mass meeting yesterday to stay on strike until later today, BSC reaffirmed its threat to close down the plant from 2 pm, laying off 9,000 production workers.

The mood of confederation executive members was one of frustration and anger, particularly among the lay members who have been in London throughout the week, and who are under intense shopfloor pressure to provide a lead, either for a strike or a compromise.

As the deadline for British Steel's threat to suspend the guaranteed working week from tomorrow draws closer, so does the likelihood of more unofficial strikes on the lines of the Port Talbot stoppage. Feeling is understood to be running particularly high in Scotland and on Teesside.

Army drawn into Beirut battle

Beirut, Jan 9.—The heaviest fighting of the nine-month-old Lebanese civil war raged fiercely overnight and all day today in the south-eastern suburbs of Beirut.

Thousands of Palestinian guerrillas and their leftist Lebanese allies were locked in house-to-house fighting with right-wing Lebanese Christians for the control of the approach roads to the Palestinian refugee camp of Tel Zaatar.

Heavy rocket and mortar duels and the street fighting caused a casualty toll of 74 dead and 152 wounded from midnight last night to this evening, according to preliminary official reports.

A security forces spokesman said there was a large number of dead and wounded around Tel Zaatar who could not be reached by doctors because of the fighting.

The Lebanese Army, which in general has avoided becoming involved, is beginning to take an active role as the fighting grows more serious.

The spokesman said an attack by 1,000 Palestinian guerrillas and Lebanese leftists in the Chiyah area of Beirut was repulsed by Christian Phalangists "aided by the Army".

He added that the internal security forces' headquarters in the heart of the city was also attacked by left-wing gunmen.

Large numbers of gunmen were busy in both Christian and Muslim neighbourhoods; digging trenches and erecting street barricades. The gunmen advised residents to seek shelter in basements and other safe places to avoid getting hurt.

A call by the Army for a ceasefire to go into effect at 5 am after the extremely heavy overnight fighting went unheeded by both sides.

There were demonstrations in various parts of Lebanon and in Beirut by people demanding bread, and other provisions as supplies began running out as a result of the protracted crisis.

A newly formed organization, the "Relief International for Lebanon", formed by foreign residents in the war-ravaged country, appealed for urgent international help "for the tens of thousands of people in desperate need of the basic necessities of life".

The rival factions made conflicting claims on the outcome of the Tel Zaatar battle which spilled over into the neighbouring Christian suburbs.—AP.

Cod war collision ends battle of wits

On board HMS Leander, Jan 9.—The Royal Navy frigate Leander and the Icelandic patrol boat Thor collided today with minor damage after a 90-minute battle of tactics among the British trawler fleet east of Iceland.

Fight times they came within feet of each other before the stern of the Thor collided with the bow of the Leander while attempting to force the frigate off course.

Captain John Tait, Leander's commander, who is also commander of the British task force protecting the trawlers, said: "We were steady but he came in. He was warned to keep clear several times but he made straight for the fishing boats."

On its third attempt to force the Leander off course, the two ships came so close that the frigate's bow hung over the patrol vessel's flight deck which was crowded by seven Icelandic crewmen.

As he veered into the Leander, Captain Helgi Hallvardsson could be seen leaning out of his bridge roaring with laughter. At one stage of the manoeuvres, watched by about a dozen trawlers, he shouted across the narrow gap of water: "Anybody want to come aboard for tea?" Captain Tait roared back: "No, thank you. I prefer coffee."

The interchange took some of the tension out of the encounter, in which both vessels alternately forged ahead and dropped back, with the Leander succeeding in keeping itself between the Thor and the trawlers.

A few miles away, another British frigate, the Bacchante, was holding off the Icelandic patrol boat Aegir, while astern of the Leander a third frigate, the Naiad, was stopping the patrol boat Tyr from breaking through to the 41-trawler fleet.

London: A Defence Ministry statement said: "After a series of manoeuvres at speeds of up to 20 knots . . . Thor suddenly altered course to port and hit Leander's starboard bow.

"Thor's damage is to the stern of the flight deck support. Leander's bow is also slightly damaged—two small dents and rippled dents on the starboard bow. No casualties have been reported."

Reykjavik: The Icelandic coast guard said the Leander rammed the Thor and quoted Captain Hallvardsson as saying: "It looks as if the Leander is going to kill us."

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Attitudes hardening in Ulster

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Senior members of the Cabinet are resigned to facing concerted opposition from both political extremes in Ulster when the Government announces in the Commons on Monday that it is rejecting the Protestant majority Northern Ireland Convention report because it effectively rules out sharing power with the Roman Catholic minority.

There were indications yesterday that political attitudes in Ulster were hardening still further particularly among "loyalists" who were holding private talks at an hotel on the shores of Lough Erne, in co Fermanagh.

Confrontation between the dominant United Ulster Unionist Coalition and the Government seems inevitable, although there remains doubt about how far the loyalists will be prepared to take their threats of action.

The Fermanagh conference was attended by more than 150 Protestant leaders, including all the members of the UUUC's Convention party, Westminster MPs and some prominent local government councillors. Senior paramilitary figures, including members of the Ulster Defence Association, were also known to be present.

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Foreigners not invited to Chou's funeral

Peking, Jan 9.—China announced tonight that it would not be inviting foreign leaders to the funeral of Mr Chou En-lai, who died of cancer yesterday after a long illness.

The tributes to Mr Chou will last five days but the final rites will be witnessed only by his colleagues.

Within hours of the announcement of the 78-year-old Prime Minister's death, some embassies here urged the Chinese to open the funeral to the outside world and make it an occasion befitting his international standing.

Japan approached the protocol department and the president of another Asian country asked to be allowed to come to Peking, informed sources said. A western government head also expressed a wish to attend.

But a statement from the committee organizing the funeral—headed by Chairman Mao Tse-tung—said that following local custom foreigners would not be invited.

The Government appeared slightly surprised and embarrassed by the outpourings of international sympathy over Mr Chou's death. Tonight's statement expressed deep gratitude to countries which wanted to join the mourning.

The only part of the lengthy ceremonial which foreigners will attend will be to express condolences to relatives at the Workers' Cultural Palace in the ancient Forbidden City on Monday.

Mr Chou's body will lie in state here this weekend.

Restaurants, shops and schools all opened. Children skated cheerfully on frozen lakes. But if the outward reaction was cool by western standards, there was no doubt about the warmth of the tribute in the official obituary.

It said Mr Chou, the aristocrat's son who grew into one of the twentieth-century's most famous Marxists, was an outstanding and long-tested leader. His death was described as a gigantic loss. The *People's Daily* organ of the Communist Party, devoted its entire front page to the obituary and it was read over on Peking television tonight.—Reuter.

More tributes Mr Wilson sent his condolences to China and at the same time issued a statement expressing his respect for one of the principal architects of modern China. In Cairo, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Conservative Party leader, described Mr Chou's death "a great loss".

In a telegram to the Chinese Government, the Soviet Government asked that its "compassion" be communicated to Mr Chou's family. *Pravda* had reported the death despite the news coming after normal press time.

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Heavy gains on stock markets

Share prices rose sharply on the Stock Exchange yesterday. Some Government stock gained more than £2 after the announcement of two new "tap" issues. The terms of the "tap" were interpreted as a sign that the Treasury wishes to see interest rates fall further in coming weeks. The rise in Government bonds led to a strong, late advance in ordinary share prices. The *FT* index rose 11.1 to 401.6

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Metro strike ends

Madrid's Metro workers voted last night to end their four-day strike, which has crippled the Spanish capital. The underground railwaymen stipulated, however, that the strike would begin again in 10 days if their demands for a new contract were not met

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BBC cuts of £5.5m

The BBC yesterday announced measures to save £5.5m, the first instalment of planned savings of £10m between now and April, 1977. Sir Charles Curran, the director general, said there could be no guarantee that redundancies would be avoided.

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Threat of AUEW split

The prospect of a breakaway from the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers by its constructional section has been increased by the election as the section's general secretary of Mr John Baldwin, who is sceptical of the value of remaining with the AUEW

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Minister on 'discontent' over some schools

Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that it was time to reaffirm the belief that schoolchildren must have a basic training in reading, writing and arithmetic. There was a growing chorus of discontent from parents, teachers and employers about the education provided in a minority of schools

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Italian Socialist stand

The leader of the Italian Socialist Party has demanded that the Communists should be associated in some way with the ruling majority when a new Government is formed—otherwise the Socialists will not take part in it. They were willing to negotiate

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Neutral OAU line likely

As African leaders began arriving in Addis Ababa for today's crucial Organization of African Unity summit on Angola, it appeared increasingly likely that fear of wrecking the organization will prevent sole recognition of any single faction in the conflict

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Printing union leader dies

Mr John Bonfield, general secretary of the National Graphical Association, the largest craft printing union, died yesterday after a short illness. He was 60.

His unexpected death means that the leadership of the 103,000-member union will be taken over immediately by Mr Joe Wade, who was last month named general secretary-elect after a ballot.

Mr Bonfield, who became an official of the former Typographical Association in 1948, was a prominent union leader in Britain and overseas; he was president of the International Graphical Federation.

Mr Wade said: "I worked with John Bonfield for 20 years. If I have any skill as a negotiator, it is because he taught me."

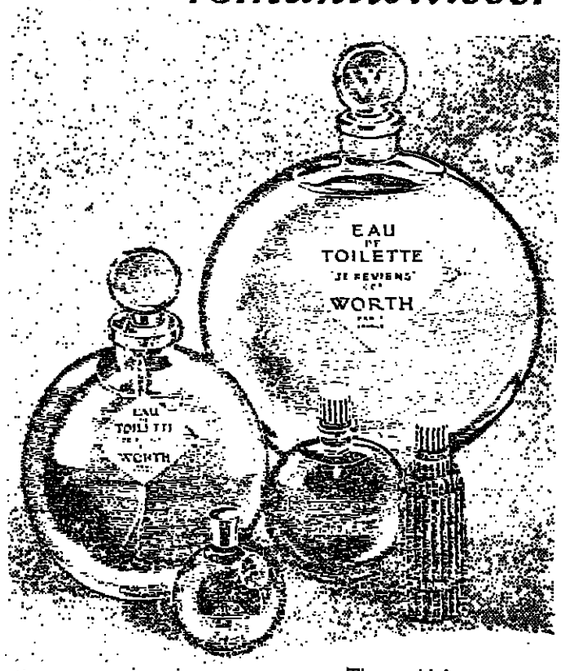
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Senhor Spinola in Madrid

Madrid, Jan 9.—Former Portuguese President Antonio de Spinola, arrived here today on a scheduled flight from Rio de Janeiro. He fled from Lisbon shortly after he was accused of leading an abortive military uprising in Portugal last March.

He was travelling under the name of Antonio de Ribeiro, his mother's family name.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

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AUEW faces threat of a breakaway by constructional section

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

Britain's second largest union, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, faces the serious prospect of a breakaway by its constructional section, which has 30,000 members.

The possibility increased with the announcement yesterday of the election as its general secretary of Mr John Baldwin, a moderate, who is known to be sceptical about remaining within the AUEW. He defeated Mr Leonard Spackman, a London organizer of the union and a member of the Communist Party, by 4,310 votes to 3,516 in a 32 per cent poll.

The union meets next month in an attempt to bridge differences between its four sections and to make progress towards a joint rule book. But Mr Baldwin said last night that the possibility of a breakaway by his section was now "at least 50:50. We do not feel we have sufficient say within the engineering union.

"There is a real chance of the breakup of the four sections unless we can make progress on unification. I know there is resentment at the domination of the engineering section over the others. There is a possibility that we will seek amalgamation with a union more closely allied to the construction industry."

The previous general secretary of the constructional section was Mr Eddie Marsden, a Communist, who died last July. Mr Baldwin's victory takes away the left-wing majority on its executive, leaving it split about equally between the left and the moderates.

The constructional section, the smallest of the four, used to be the Constructional Engineering Union until it joined with the AUEW six years ago after a national ballot of members.

Mr Baldwin said that other big unions had recently offered his section the prospect of amalgamation, but he preferred not to name them. However, the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians and the Transport and General Workers' Union are known to be interested.

"We are afraid of losing our identity within the AUEW", Mr Baldwin said. "We do not have a big enough say, bearing in mind our status in the construction industry. Our influence in the industry is high but we seem to be losing our."

He believed the main unions in the construction industry should unite into a single union. He said that unless he received some firm assurances from the AUEW he would be tempted to ballot his members to withdraw and try to unite with somebody else, or even to reestablish the section as an independent union.



Defence Council: Members of the Defence Council in the council chamber at the Ministry of Defence yesterday for their first meeting of 1976. They are (left to right round the table): General Sir Richard Ward, Chief of Personnel and Logistics; Field Marshal Sir Michael Carver, Chief of the Defence Staff; Mr William Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence; Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Defence; Sir Michael Cary, Permanent Under-Secretary of State; Mr E. C. Cornford, Chief Executive, Procurement Executive; Mr J. F. Mayne, Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Defence; Dr M. J. Harte, Joint Secretary to the Defence Council; Commodore P. M. Stanford, Joint Secretary to the Defence Council; Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Defence; Mr Frank Judd, Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Navy; Admiral Sir Edward Ashmore, Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord; Mr Robert Crofton Brown, Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Army; General Sir Peter Hunt, Chief of the General Staff; Mr Brynmor John, Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Air Force; Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey, Chief of the Air Staff.

Cutbacks of £5½m are announced by BBC

By Kenneth Gosling

The first details of cuts in capital expenditure by the BBC aimed at saving £10m between now and April, 1977, when a new licence fee increase will be applied for, were given by the corporation yesterday.

They include the deferment of a new studio in Manchester for the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the postponement of the move of Radio Leeds to new premises, and the abandonment of the refurbishing of a studio in London.

In a message to staff, Sir Charles Curran, the director general, reaffirms the BBC's statement last month that £10m must be taken out of the budget by April, 1977.

"We wish to do this", he says, "without damaging the general structure of the service, that is, without abandoning the two-channel television operation, the present four radio networks, local radio or the existing regional services."

As a first step the board had decided that a sum of £5.5m must be saved between now and the end of March, 1977, and would be considering next month how, if necessary, further savings of £4.5m could be achieved.

"Staff will naturally be concerned", Sir Charles wrote, "as to how they will be affected by these proposals. While I cannot guarantee that staffing levels will not be affected, the need in this instance is for savings that can be made relatively quickly.

"There are basically only three ways in which savings can be made in the short term: by deferring capital expenditure, by cutting back on operating developments, and by reduction in programme budgets.

"Detailed plans are being worked out and discussed with the unions for the immediate saving of £5.5m mentioned above. Details will be given to staff by directors and regional controllers.

About £500,000 of the £5.5m is expected to come from savings in capital development. The corporation is looking carefully at the ultra-high frequency transmitted programme, largely affecting viewers in Wales and Scotland, as it affects the expansion of colour television coverage, which may be slowed down.

Programme heads are working out ways of saving a further £500,000, and it was emphasized yesterday that at this stage it will not mean any reduction in hours. Special projects will be "slimmed down" and programmes will bear the brunt of cuts as much as the operational side.

Although the BBC has said that it underestimated the increase in colour television licences in the last financial year, it is evident from figures not yet completed that there was an increase of more than a million over the whole of last year, and that means another £6m in income, taking into account the increase in licence fees from £12 to £18 last April.

Miners call off overtime ban but issue a warning

From Our Correspondent
Chesterfield

The overtime ban by Derbyshire's 12,000 miners was called off yesterday, but with a warning that there might be a national ban if talks with the National Coal Board on the closure of Langwith colliery break down.

Derbyshire area council of the National Union of Mineworkers decided unanimously to suspend the overtime ban so that talks could take place with the coal board about the future of Langwith colliery.

After the meeting Mr Peter Heathfield, area secretary, said: "In view of the national executive decision to call for national talks with the coal board we have decided that the ban will be suspended immediately. But if the meeting to persuade the coal board to change its mind about Langwith goes against us, we shall fall into line with the proposed national overtime ban.

"The date of January 22 for a meeting at national level has been suggested, but I sincerely hope it will be considered more urgent than that, and there will be a meeting as soon as possible. The board must reconsider its attitude to the non-development of 2,500,000 tons of coal which is still at Langwith."

The coal board says that conditions for mining the coal at Langwith would be intolerable. It intends to close the colliery and transfer its 900 miners.

Judge wants legal check on benefits

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

Stronger legal and judicial controls and safeguards were necessary to ensure that the system of supplementary benefits treated claimants justly, Lord Justice Scarman said in London last night. Delivering the annual Lord Upjohn Lecture, organized by the Association of Law Teachers, he said that the supplementary benefits system was today the chief instrument of social security, affecting millions of people.

Yet national insurance, which affected fewer people, was subjected to an open, well co-ordinated system of legal control, whereas the administration of supplementary benefits was neither open nor subject to that control. The system remained essentially administrative.

"One can be forgiven for wondering how a benefit so essential to so many citizens, and one which was conferred by right and not by charity, should be governed by administrative machinery."

Under the legislation governing supplementary benefits, difficult and important questions of statutory interpretation were bound to arise. "I fail to understand how this complex and comprehensive system of entitlements and disentitlements can be justly applied in the thousands of cases that arise without legal control within a judicial system", he said.

"It seems to me that grievances will surely multiply unless the system is seen to do justice between one citizen and another."

He did not want to do away with the administrative element in supplementary benefits, but to supplement it with the safeguard of legal control. Many people believed that lawyers would introduce into the social security system rigidity and delay where flexibility and speed were of the essence. Lawyers had to convince society that their way of handling disputes was the fairest and most efficient in the long run.

The survival of the law as an instrument of social justice, available whenever just solutions were required, might depend on the answer to the question society was still asking about the role of the lawyer in social security. Society was still not sure whether it wanted lawyers and the courts to play a part in that field.

Scots groups sent explosives to Ulster by post, police say

Protestant groups in Scotland sent explosives to Protestants in Ulster by small boats or by parcel post, a detective said at the High Court in Glasgow yesterday. Det Supt William Stewart was giving evidence at the trial of John Kerr, aged 25, Mrs Betty Watson, aged , and her daughter, Mrs Alexandra Wilson, aged 23.

The three deny that on September 6 at Mrs Wilson's and Mrs Watson's home at Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow, in Mason's Bar, Old Dalmarnock Road, and in a sub-post office at Springfield Road they unlawfully had in their possession 16 sticks of explosives with intent to endanger life or cause damage to life or property.

They also deny that a parcel they sent was likely to injure other packages or postal workers.

Questioned by Mr Robin McEwan, advocate depute, Mr Stewart said that he had been carrying out investigations into the activities of certain Protestant groups in Scotland, particularly the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association. People in those organizations in Scotland had been lending active support to their equivalents in Ulster with money and materials, he said.

Protestant organizations in Ulster had no explosives source on the island and had to receive their supplies from Britain or the mainland of Europe. It was relatively easy to obtain explosives. "The control over them is not very good," he added.

He said that parcels containing explosives were usually sent to what was known as a safe house in Northern Ireland. That was a house which the Royal Ulster Constabulary would not suspect, an ordinary citizen being prevailed upon to accept such parcels.

Mr Stewart said the parcel at the sub-post office contained gelignite wrapped in polythene bags, newspapers and cooking foil. The box also contained talcum powder and earth. He continued: "Talcum powder would prevent any detection of the smell of explosives."

Mr Stewart said that on his instructions an Ayrshire explosives factory made up an identical parcel containing 16 dummy sticks. It was posted to the address of the original parcel, that of Mr Norman Collins, High Cairn Drive, Highfield Estate, Belfast. The RUC were told of the step, but he did not know what happened to the parcel.

Mr Stewart said that when Mr Kerr was searched at a police station, officers found a whisky label on which was written an address in Donegall Road, Belfast, and a message: "Parcel this afternoon or Monday morning first thing."

Cross-examined by Mr Herbert Kerrigan, for the defence of Mr Kerr, Mr Stewart said the accused had come to their attention because he collected cash for the UDA, the UVF and the Loyalist Prisoners Aid. He was also a member of Apprentice Boys of Derry.

Mr Stewart agreed there were public houses in Glasgow where "loyalist" publications such as *Loyalist News*, *Orange Cross* and *Bridgeton Loyalist* were freely available.

The trial continues on Monday.

State papers messenger is demoted

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

The circumstances in which a Foreign Office messenger has been demoted and had his wages reduced by £10 a week after an incident at the country home of Mr Callaghan, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, are to be raised in the House of Commons by Conservative backbenchers.

The messenger, Mr Bert Palmer, aged 61, has been employed on outside duties for 16 years, and was in charge of Foreign Office documents delivered last Saturday to Mr Callaghan's farmhouse at Uckfield, Sussex. Under the usual routine, he was taken from London to Uckfield in a chauffeur-driven car.

Mr Palmer has said that he was given "a terrible telling off" by the Foreign Secretary after he had walked into the front room of the farmhouse without permission.

When Mr Palmer reported to the Foreign Office this week, he says, he was given a severe reprimand by a senior official and told he would be restricted to inside messenger work. As "an outside man" he made overtime which brought his pay to more than £55 a week. That would be reduced to £45.

The Foreign Office has said that Mr Palmer's reprimand and transfer to inside duties did not result from any complaint by Mr Callaghan.

An official said that normal security checks were in operation at the farmhouse. The messenger arrived in an official car and was admitted to the house with the agreement of Sussex police officers who were on protection duties.

Mr Marcus Kimball, Conservative MP for Gainsborough, said last night that he would ask Mr Callaghan in the Commons next week whether he was satisfied with arrangements for moving papers from London to him and other Foreign Office ministers when at their homes.

Mr Kimball said it was very disturbing that important state papers should be transported by elderly people who were liable to suffer from long journeys and whose conduct was subsequently alleged to be unsatisfactory.

"This reminds me of the incident several years ago when the late Mr Richard Crossman, then a minister, left state papers lying around in Prunier's restaurant", Mr Kimball said.

Tory group criticizes plan to enlarge farm output

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

The Government's plan to enlarge farm output was strongly criticized by the Selsdon Group of Conservatives yesterday. According to Mr Richard Body, Conservative MP for Holland with Boston and a vice-president of the group, "The argument presupposes that all imports are bad and that all exports are good."

Mr Body, who is also a farmer, says in a pamphlet published yesterday that the White Paper, *Food From Our Own Resources*, is "a prescription for the fossilization of agriculture".

Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, had proposed food output growth of 2½ per cent a year without mentioning the cost that would be incurred if his calculation proved mistaken.

"The autocratic Mr Peart has allies among the doomsters", Mr Body writes.

Recalling that a recent article in *The Times* had said that future availability of imported food was doubtful, Mr Body calls for an end to protection of British agriculture on the ground that such a policy encourages excessive production of food.

One of the main objections to protection of agriculture was that it encouraged people to take advantage of financial encouragement by the state to farm as a hobby. "If they got out of the way the consumer would pay the same price for food and the ordinary competitive farmers would be assured of a fair market price", he says.

Mr Bishop, Minister of State at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said yesterday that he doubted that farmers and consumers would welcome Mr Body's case.

No way to Feed a Nation (Selsdon Group, 32 Smith Square, London, SW1, 50p.)

'Loyalist' leaders in secret talks as confrontation looms

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As well as confirming their support and solidarity for the Convention report, the loyalist delegates discussed plans for action. A decision has yet to be taken about whether the Protestants' plans will be made public before Monday's one-day debate in the Commons on the Convention's proposals.

Last night the Rev Robert Bradford, UUUC MP for Belfast, South, said that if the report is rejected it would mean that the ballot box was a mere cosmetic; the result would be bloodshed.

In addition to loyalist opposition, the outcome of Monday's debate is also likely to provoke violent reaction from the Provisional IRA, whose ruling seven-man army council is known to have sanctioned further attacks in England and Northern Ireland if the Government does not meet its demand for a declaration of intent to withdraw from Ulster.

The possibility of violence as a result of Monday's debate was one of the main topics discussed at an all-day session of the Irish Cabinet at Leinster House, in Dublin. Mr Cooney, Minister for Justice, presented a report of his meeting in London on Thursday with Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. A brief statement issued after the Cabinet meeting said that the Irish Government "had expressed itself to be satisfied with the progress of security cooperation".

During the meeting the measures that had been discussed by the two governments were reviewed. It is understood that they will not include a "hot line" between the armies of the two countries.

In Northern Ireland members of the public, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, continued to demonstrate their revulsion at the sectarian violence which has claimed 18 lives this year.

In Lurgan several thousand workers paraded through the streets in silent protest at what the organizers termed "the slaughter of our people".

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Uhlmann misses chess chance to improve lead

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Hastings

Uhlmann missed an opportunity of increasing his lead in the Hastings Premier chess tournament yesterday when he let off Sigurjonsson with a draw.

In the other important game for the lead in round 10, Bronstein badly mishandled the opening against Miles, and on adjournment he was three pawns down, and it looked an easy win for the Birmingham player.

So Bronstein has been replaced as Uhlmann's nearest rival by the Czechoslovak grandmaster, Hort. He won a pawn against Kaplan and had little difficulty in forcing the win shortly before the adjournment. Korchnoi won a rook and two pieces for Bellin's queen, and the English player lost by exceeding the time limit with six moves still to be made.

Scores: Uhlmann 7½; Hort 7; Bronstein 6½ and one adj; Korchnoi 6½; Talmanov and Sigurjonsson 6; Sosonko and Stean 5; Miles 4½ and one adj; Kaplan 4½; Bisguier, Jansa and Nunn 4; Keene 3½; Bellin and Harlston 3.

Results in round 10: Miles adj against Bronstein, QP Dutch def; Keene ½ Jansa ½, QP Nimzowitsch def; Korchnoi 1, Bellin 0, QP Dutch def; Stean ½, Talmanov ½, Sicilian def; Harlston ½, Nunn ½, Catalan; Sigurjonsson ½, Uhlmann ½, French def; Hort 1, Kaplan 0, QP Nimzowitsch def; Sosonko ½, Bisguier ½, Catalan.

Trawler charges adjourned

Charges over the Fleetwood trawler London Town, which is accused of fishing in territorial waters of the Irish Republic off Donegal, were adjourned yesterday at Stranorlar Court to a special sitting of Letterkenny Court today.

Mr Jack Kelly, the skipper, said the charges were outside the jurisdiction of the court and denied fishing in Irish waters. The London Town was escorted into a Donegal harbour on Thursday

Six pickets fined over shipyard demonstration

Six of 11 pickets who were arrested during scenes outside the Cammell Laird shipyard at Birkenhead were fined by Wirral magistrates at Bromborough, Merseyside, yesterday.

The pickets, who were demonstrating against the transfer of a site slipway contract from their firm to Wimpey, were found guilty of obstructing and assaulting the police. The fines ranged from £10 to £50.

George Spotswood, aged 44, of Tranmere, who was chairman of the disputes committee and had been acquitted on charges of assault, Gerard Doran, aged 30, of Birkenhead, Robert Christian, aged 37, of Liverpool, and Thomas Cummings, aged 35, of Speke, were each fined £10 after being found guilty of obstruction; Gerard McMullen, aged 40, of Huyton, and George Hall, aged 35, of Walton, were each fined £50 after being found guilty of assault. Mr Hall was also ordered to forfeit £10 of his £100 bail for failing to answer to it at an earlier hearing.

Joseph Howard, aged 33, of Netherton, was found not guilty on two charges of obstructing policemen; and Michael Abbott, aged 46, of Goose Green, Wigan, was found not guilty of obstructing and assaulting a policeman.

Help for viral hepatitis cases

Viral hepatitis, a disease of the liver, is defined as an industrial disease under regulations laid before Parliament yesterday.

Industrial injuries benefits will become payable for viral hepatitis from February 2, 1976, to employees in close contact with human blood, human blood products, or patients with viral hepatitis.

Scottish Labour MPs threaten action to disown members of the 'rebel' group

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connexion with other political parties in a circular to all members. He hoped that would cause members to weigh very carefully the consequences of joining a breakaway party.

"I want to make a final appeal to this new party and I have the support of the Scottish chairman of the Labour Party [Mr Thomas Fulton] for doing so. Please think again. Having a ginger group is all right: no one objects to that, we have plenty of them. But do not ruin what we have built up together over all these years. The only people who will benefit are our opponents and we ought to work together to defeat them", he said.

Mr McGrandle pointed out that constituency Labour parties were responsible for the recruitment of individual members into the British Labour Party within their own constituencies.

They had a duty to safeguard the constitution, policy and principles of the Labour Party under clause 15 of the constituency party rules. Those stated quite clearly that they could not enter into affiliation with or give support to any political party declared ineligible for membership of the British Labour Party.

Mr Sillars said Mr McGrandle's statement showed there was no hope of shifting the Labour Party to a point where it fully understood the changes in Scottish society and in the attitudes of working people on important political issues. The old party seemed totally out of touch.

He added that the statement raised the delicate question of his own position in Parliament. He had not sought expulsion or to be removed from the roll of membership. To do so would convert a majority government into a minority government and assist Mrs Thatcher in her efforts to bring down the Government.

"I shall return to Parliament next week and act as though I were on the roll of the Parliamentary Labour Party. I will continue to act that way in the lobbies until the Chief Whip instructs me that he no longer regards me as one of his members."

Our Political Correspondent writes: Scottish Labour MPs are angry with Mr Sillars and others who are rejecting the Government's White Paper proposals and seeking to establish a second Labour Party in Scotland. When the Commons reassembles after the Christmas recess on Monday, there will be a concerted move to disown them.

Mr William Hamilton, MP for Fife, Central, said last night: "Mr Sillars must be dealt with forthwith. He will be given a clear indication next week that either he toes the line or he gets out, or we kick him out."

Mr Hamilton and other Labour backbenchers argue that Mr Sillars's movement threatens not only the standing of the Labour Party in Scotland but also the prospects of its regaining a majority in the United Kingdom as a whole at the next general election. Some Labour MPs have already written off Mr Sillars as a likely Scottish Nationalist convert.

The volume of dissent in the Labour Party about possible separation from the rest of the United Kingdom is having an effect not only on the Labour Party but also on the Conservatives in Scotland. To the surprise of the MPs concerned, messages are being received from former Labour supporters urging that the Conservative Party, in the Commons debate next week, should firmly support the proposition that although there should be a devolution of powers to Scotland, nothing should be done that would lead to the break-up of the United Kingdom.

Before Mrs Thatcher and her Shadow Cabinet colleagues decide on the line to be taken in the debate they want to get a clear statement of opinion from the Conservative Party in Scotland. Mr Whitelaw, the deputy leader, who is charge of the team dealing with devolution, will consult Scottish Conservative MPs on Monday. Everything will depend on the decision taken at a meeting of the central council of the Conservative Party in Edinburgh today.

At that meeting 200 representatives of all the constituencies in Scotland will be asked to vote on a motion which says: "This council confirms its commitment to a directly elected Scottish assembly, but considers the Government's White Paper proposals unworkable and likely to lead to the distintegration of the United Kingdom, and calls on Parliament to legislate for a scheme of devolution consistent with good government and the essential unity of the United Kingdom."

There seems to be every prospect that the motion will be carried.

White Paper accepted: Strathclyde Regional Council, which is Labour-dominated and covers half the population of Scotland, yesterday formally approved the White Paper on devolution. Councillor the Rev G. Shaw, convener, said the Government "had got it just about right", and was correct in underlining the need to keep a close unity in the United Kingdom under a sovereign parliament.

The correct position for Scotland, he said, was to keep on contributing fully to the life of the United Kingdom while asserting a greater measure of control over domestic affairs.

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Mrs Thatcher 'Salome of politics'

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

Mrs Thatcher was accused of being the Salome of modern politics, "attempting to cover her nakedness of any clear alternatives by the use of flimsy veils", by Mr Short, Lord President of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, last night.

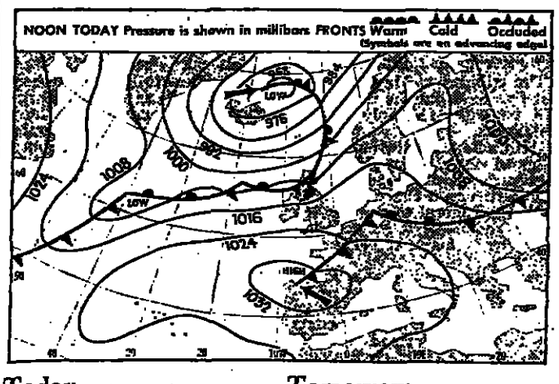
While Mrs Thatcher has naturally been the subject of partisan criticism from Labour politicians, it is rare for ministers to allude to her femininity. In the year of sexual equality, Mr Short said that one of the flimsy veils was "her constant call to cut expenditure now, although she knows that the effects of such cuts would be to increase the already intolerable level of unemployment".

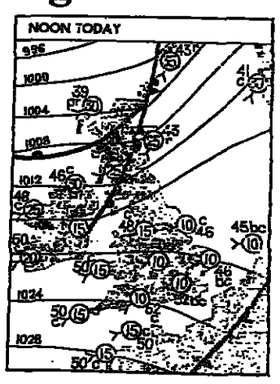
Mrs Thatcher knew, he said, that cuts to take effect on public expenditure now in the trough of a world recession would not increase investment; they would merely increase the number of men out of work. "To cut public expenditure in the depths of a world recession, the worst since the early thirties, would be digging a hole in public expenditure which neither exports nor private investment could fill", Mr Short told a Fabian Society meeting at Newcastle upon Tyne.

Private investment would not fill it, for increased investment usually took place when the prospects for exports were good, when demand was rising, incomes were rising, and people had more money to spend.

The Government had an economic strategy and restrictions in future public spending were part of it. But there was a great difference between public expenditure as an element of economic planning and panic calls for savage cuts.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 8.4 am. Sun sets: 4.12 pm.
Moon sets: 1.13 am. Moon rises: 11.25 am.
Full moon: January 17.
Lighting up: 4.42 pm to 7.33 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.15 am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 7.59 pm, 6.0m (19.8ft); Avonmouth, 12.26 pm, 10.1m (33.3ft); Dover, 4.25 am, 5.6m (18.3ft); 5.9 pm, 5.2m (17.2ft); Hull, 11.52 am, 5.7m (18.7ft); 11.57 pm, 5.8m (19.1ft); Liverpool, 4.44 am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 5.6 pm, 7.3m (24.1ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 8.3 am. Sun sets: 4.14 pm.
Moon sets: 2.17 am. Moon rises: 11.53 am.
Lighting up: 4.44 pm to 7.33 am.
High water: London Bridge, 8.19 am, 5.8m (18.9ft); 9.2 pm, 5.8m (19.1ft); Avonmouth, 12.49 am, 9.8m (32.0ft); 1.25 pm, 9.7m (31.9ft); Dover, 5.31 am, 5.4m (17.6ft); 6.22 pm, 5.2m (17.0ft); Hull, 1.3 pm, 5.6m (18.4ft); Liverpool, 5.46 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 6.13 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft).

Troughs of low pressure will move across N districts of the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England, East Anglia: Rain in places at first, otherwise mainly dry with bright intervals developing; wind SW, moderate; max temp 10° or 11°C (50° to 52°F).

Channel Islands, Central S, SW England, S Wales: Mostly dry, bright intervals; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 10° or 11°C (50° to 52°F).

Midlands, E, Central N, NE England: Mostly dry, rather cloudy, perhaps rain late; wind SW, moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: England and Wales will have occasional rain and temperatures near or above normal; N England may become brighter though colder later; Scotland and N Ireland will be rather cold with wintry showers and night frosts.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SE, moderate, fresh later; sea slight or moderate.

St George's Channel: Wind SW, fresh, strong later; sea moderate or rough.

Irish Sea: Wind SW, fresh or strong, perhaps gale force at times; sea rough or very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13°C (55°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 75 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 5.3hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,025.0 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	s	1	34	Cardiff	c	10	50	L Palmas	f	17	63
Algiers	c	15	59	Cologne	c	7	45	Lisbon	s	9	48
Amsterdm	c	8	46	Copenhgn	c	6	43	Locarno	s	6	43
Athens	s	13	55	Dublin	c	6	43	London	s	10	50
Barcelona	s	10	50	Edinburgh	f	4	39	Luxembg	c	1	34
Beirut	f	17	63	Florence	s	6	43	Madrid	s	4	39
Belfast	c	5	41	Geneva	fog	-1	30	Majorca	s	13	55
Berlin	c	0	32	Gibraltar	f	15	59	Malaga	s	11	52
Biarritz	c	11	52	Guernsey	c	7	45	Malta	f	15	59
Birmingham	c	4	39	Helsinki	sn	-1	30	Manchestr	r	7	45
Bristol	c	11	52	Innsbruck	s	3	37	Moscow	c	-2	28
Brussels	s	8	46	Istanbul	s	9	48	Munich	fog	-2	28
Budapest	s	1	34	Jersey	c	8	46	Naples	s	11	52
New York	s	0	32
Nice	s	13	55
Oslo	s	1	34
Paris	s	4	39
Rome	s	12	54
Ronaldsay	s	3	37
Stockholm	s	0	32
Tel Aviv	f	21	70
Toronto	s	-11	12
Venice	fog	0	32
Vienna	c	1	34
Warsaw	c	0	32
Zurich	s	3	37

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Btr 25; Canaries, Pes 10; Denmark, Dkr 3.50; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Frs 2.50; Germany, Dmk 2.00; Greece, Dr 55; Holland, Dfl 2.75; Italy, Lire 350; Luxembourg, Lfr 20; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta, 9d; Norway, Kr 3.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 25; Sweden, Skr 3.75; Switzerland, Sfr 2.50; USA, Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

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HOME NEWS

Growing chorus of discontent on education at minority of schools, Mr Mulley says

From Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent
Lancaster

Schoolchildren must have a basic training in reading, arithmetic and writing. It was time to reaffirm that belief, Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said at the North of England Education Conference at Lancaster University yesterday.

"There is a growing chorus of discontent from parents, teachers and employers about the education provided in a minority of schools, colleges and universities", he said. People are worried by some of the stories about education that make the headlines: William Tyndale, the North London Polytechnic and, not so long ago, troubles at this university itself, and indeed many others. The list is too long for comfort.

"Frankly, I have no magic remedies, and I do not believe it is possible to find any."

Most children and students were using the time spent in education to much better purpose than their predecessors. In schools and colleges that I visit my main impressions are of lively young people eager to be taught well, of skilled and sympathetic teachers, and of generous and imaginative resources of other kinds", he said.

Later, answering questions from the floor, he referred indirectly to a demonstration on Thursday by about 200 girls at Heaton Park comprehensive school, Newcastle upon Tyne, against an announcement by the headmaster that girls who misbehaved would in future, like boys, be subject to the strap. That, he said, seemed to have got far more coverage in some of the papers than the deliberations of the Lancaster conference.

At a press conference after his speech, he said: "I am against any sort of violent form of punishment. We do not have a policy as a department, except that we are against any excessive use of corporal punishment." But his powers to intervene were limited.

In his speech Mr Mulley said he would be announcing shortly the constitution of the consultative committee of the Assessment of Performance Unit which his department had set up. "While the unit will, I feel sure, demonstrate what we all feel, that over-publicized shortcomings are not typical of the system in general, I trust it will be of some assistance in our attempts to achieve even higher standards", he said.



Mr Mulley: "No magic remedies"

He fully endorsed his parliamentary colleague, Mr Eric Heffer, when he had said: "Many of us are concerned about the idea now being floated that children should not have to learn the three Rs: Many of us believe that the three Rs are the most important part of education. It is not a reactionary concept that working-class children should be taught the three Rs."

Mr Mulley said: "There are times when we should boldly reaffirm our beliefs in the learning of these basic skills". The acquisition of them, not for their own sakes but as instruments of work, and pleasure, was at the centre of the education process.

Differences of opportunity and achievement were still too great between classes, regions and sexes, he added. It was wholly unsatisfactory that middle-class children, in proportion to their numbers, won five times as many places to universities as working-class children. Teachers must remove disincentives from children and build on the experience and talents brought by children from working-class homes.

There was no difficulty in attracting the ablest students from colleges into the professions and public service, but "we must instil a deeper respect for careers in wealth-generating industries and commerce upon which our economic future depends. We have got to concentrate much more of our greatest talen as a nation on the brutal necessity of earning the nation's living. . . . Unless we get such a revolutionary change in attitudes were are in for trouble", he said.

Parents blamed: Councillor Derek Webster, chairman of Newcastle upon Tyne education committee, said yesterday of the Heaton Park school demonstration: "One of the most appalling aspects of this was that some of the parents have deliberately encouraged the children" (the Press Association reports). Mr Webster, who said he had called for a full report, added: "They knew it was going to happen and went along to the school to watch. This was irresponsible behaviour of the worst kind."

The headmaster, Mr Henry Askew, defended the school's new ruling, saying it had resisted corporal punishment for girls for many years. He had changed the rules after pressure from women teachers upset by some girls' behaviour.

Mr John Alderson, regional organizer of the National Union of Teachers, said yesterday that some teachers had placed a ban on four girls at the school. He said: "I understand from our members that, out of 1,370 pupils, there is a small core of disruptive children, including girls, and my members have decided today that four girls in this group are not to be taught by them until further notice.

"This is not because of the incidents yesterday, although they were involved, but because they have a long record of bad behaviour. There is a lack of support for the authority of the school from a very small group of parents, and we are taking legal advice about threats made by a parent to one of our members."

Student is accused of murdering four people

Mark Andrew Rowntree, aged 19, a student, made a brief appearance at Keighley Magistrates' Court, West Yorkshire, yesterday, charged with four murders in eight days. Mr Rowntree, of Tranmere Park, Guiseley, near Leeds, was remanded in custody until January 16.

He is accused of the murder on New Year's Eve of Mrs Grace Adamson, aged 85, who was found stabbed to death in her ground floor flat at Old Main Street, Bingley, West Yorkshire. He is also accused of murdering Stephen Anthony Wilson, aged 16, of Edensor Road, Keighley, on January 3. He is further charged with the murders of Barbara Booth, aged 24, a Leeds model, and her son, Alan, aged three last Wednesday.

Airline to pay for overbooking

By Our Air Correspondent

Passengers with tickets who are turned off a flight because it is overbooked are to be compensated by British Caledonian Airways, the main independent airline, under a scheme announced yesterday.

Those who wait more than four hours before being offered another flight will receive a sum equivalent to 5 per cent of the cost of the ticket for the journey. A wait of more than eight hours will bring 10 per cent compensation, and a wait of more than 24 hours 15 per cent. Meals and overnight accommodation where appropriate will be included in the last two categories.

BCAL took their action independently of other airlines, who are to discuss the issue of compensation for overbooking soon with the Civil Aviation Authority. The CAA said on Thursday that they are in favour of a scheme for compensating overbooked passengers.

BCAL claimed yesterday that their scheme is the first of its kind outside the United States.

During the last quarter of 1975 the airline had 41 overbooked passengers out of a total of 300,000. But during the same period they suffered from an average of 13 per cent of passengers who booked seats and failed to arrive for their flights. On one route, between London and Paris, the figure was up to 20 per cent.

In the forthcoming airline talks with the CAA on compensation, BCAL will ensure that there is on the agenda a proposal that passengers who "recklessly overbook" should pay a cancellation fee.

Mr Ian Ritchie, external affairs director for the airline, said yesterday: "All world airlines sometimes overbook. This is the inevitable consequence of the practice indulged in by some passengers of booking a seat on more than one flight for the same journey."

WEST EUROPE

Dr Luns may be asked to mediate after Nato ambassadors discuss worsening of the cod war

From David Cross
Brussels, Jan 9

Nato ambassadors are to hold a special meeting of the Atlantic Council on Monday to discuss the worsening cod war between Britain and Iceland.

The session, called at the request of Iceland, is expected to examine ways of defusing the dispute, which has already led to several collisions and near-misses between British and Icelandic ships. Yesterday, the Iceland Cabinet threatened to break off diplomatic relations with Britain if there were further incidents like this week's clash between the Royal Navy frigate Andromeda and the Icelandic gunboat, Thor.

Iceland is expected to use Monday's meeting as an opportunity to win support from its Nato allies. So far, Nato member states have refused to take sides and have shown more sympathy for the British viewpoint than during earlier cod wars.

The Iceland Government may also ask for some form of mediation, perhaps by Dr Joseph Luns, the Nato Secretary-General, who played a important role in helping resolve the last dispute between the two countries. The good offices of an acceptable third party would probably be welcomed by the British.

Indeed, Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, tentatively suggested such a line of action at last month's meeting of foreign ministers of the alliance here. But any offer was not taken up by Iceland on the grounds that relations between the two countries were still sufficiently good for them to talk. Iceland has now changed its mind, it probably thinks that the situation has worsened in the meantime.

Since the opening shots in the latest fishing dispute, Dr Luns has made it clear that he is anxious to help resolve the conflict. Iceland has already invited him to visit Reykjavik, but has been delaying his reply until after the Atlantic Council meeting. If he went to Iceland, the Irish would, presumably, like him to visit London, too.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Britain would greatly regret any decision by Iceland to break off diplomatic relations, the Foreign Office said yesterday. "We regard Iceland as an ally and friend of ours".

Foreign Office spokesman said: "We do not think it would help a negotiated settlement of the present dispute if diplomatic relations were broken off."

The official British position is that the Government is ready to negotiate at any time, provided Iceland shows the slightest willingness to talk seriously. It is, of course, well understood in Whitehall that if negotiations reopen, the Royal Navy frigates now protecting the trawlers would be expected by Iceland to withdraw; but there would have to be a corresponding undertaking by Iceland, in that case, to cease harassment of British vessels.

Behind Iceland's threat, there probably lies the realization that the cod war is not going all its own way, as it had expected. British trawlers are catching more fish than before the dispute started last November, although individual catches are down by some 12 per cent, because there are more vessels in the area.

Moreover, in the manoeuvring and counter-manoeuvring on the high seas—whoever is in the right or wrong—Icelandic gunboats are running into some trouble, as the British frigates head them off. While the Navy is seriously concerned about the risk of an accident, and possibly loss of life, it has clearly had a certain success in its tactics of protecting the trawlers.

On board HMS Andromeda, Jan 9.—An Icelandic coast guard captain has indicated that his country will continue its harassment of trawlers until agreement is reached.

Captain Throstur Sigtryggsson, speaking by radio link to the Andromeda, said that he did not believe there was any danger to life in the warp-cutting activities he and other Icelandic coast guard captains were engaged in.

Captain Sigtryggsson, who commands the Aegir, said: "I would feel very badly if there was some accident or someone was hurt."

Strikers in Spain hold protest meetings

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Jan 9

The Spanish Cabinet met today as the underground railway workers' strike entered its fourth day and industrial action in other sectors gathered momentum. Tens of thousands of strikers from different industries, including some bank workers, held protest meetings.

Strikers from the Standard ITT electronics factory met in a church in the working-class district of Usera. Police surrounded the church but did not break up the meeting.

Representatives of the Metro strikers' state-run trade union were meeting officials of the company for the second time to seek a solution. The company has written warning letters to the strikers.

It was believed that an arbitrator, possibly the Madrid president of the transport union, would be called in to try to reach a compromise between the two sides. The strikers want the company to offer a guarantee against reprisals as well as to meet some of their basic demands for more money.

The Army opened a fourth underground line this afternoon. It was estimated that about 70 per cent of the service has now been restored. Civil Guards carrying rifles patrolled all stations in use and travelled in some carriages. The Metro strikers sent a telegram to the joint chiefs of staff asking the Army to withdraw and "not interfere in labour problems".

Earthquake aid funds investigated

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Jan 9

A 19-man parliamentary delegation arrived in Belice Valley, western Sicily, today to find out why eight years after the disastrous earthquake there most of the 70,000 inhabitants are still living in huts.

The delegation is particularly interested to know what happened to the 350,000m lire (£250m) supposedly spent on rebuilding the nine destroyed villages and repairing others.

Signor Quileri, a Liberal member of the Chamber of Deputies public works commission, has alleged that about 40 per cent of the sum has been diverted "into other people's pockets".

The plight of the earthquake victims was highlighted recently when, on the instigation of a local priest, 700 Belice Valley [illegible] wrote to MPs describing the conditions in which they live.

Norway's new leader prepares his Cabinet

Oslo, Jan 9.—Mr Trygve Bratteli, the Norwegian Prime Minister, resigned today as expected and his close associate, Mr Odvar Nordli, was asked to form a new Labour Government. Mr Bratteli, aged 66, who has been losing electoral support, stepped aside to pave the way for a new and younger generation of party politicians.

The outgoing Prime Minister told a press conference that he had formally submitted his Government's resignation to King Olav at the weekly Cabinet meeting at the royal palace this morning.

Mr Nordli, aged 48, the Labour parliamentary leader, was later summoned to the palace and asked by the King to govern.

Skiers warned of Alpine avalanche peril

Innsbruck, Jan 9.—Alpine experts gave an avalanche warning today after two skiers were killed and several others had narrow escapes in slowslips this week.

The avalanche warning service in Tyrol said hurricane strength winds had created unstable patches of snow on many sheltered slopes, and told skiers to stick to marked pistes.

A 21-year-old Austrian was swept to his death on Tuesday near Neukirchen, in Salzburg province, and a West German tourist was killed on Wednesday at Hochsoelden, Tyrol.

Footballers in bribes scandal fined for perjury

Essen, West Germany, Jan 9.—Eight West German First Division soccer players who admitted taking money to lose a crucial match five years ago today received fines of up to DM9,960 marks (£2,000) after being convicted of perjury.

The past and present players of the club, Schalke, had sworn under oath that they did not accept a bribe to lose a match against Arminia Bielefeld on April 17, 1971. But two weeks ago they confessed to taking a total of DM40,000 (then about £5,000) from Bielefeld officials.

The two best known were Reinhold Libuda, a former international, who was fined DM9,960, and Hans-Jürgen Wittkamp, who now plays for Borussia Monchen Gladbach, and was fined DM9,000 (£1,800).

Proceedings will continue next week against the chairman of the club, its former treasurer and two other players who have pleaded not guilty.—Reuter.

'Middle-class pressure on schools'

By Mark Jackson of *The Times Educational Supplement*

State schools were coming under increasing pressure to operate in the interests of middle-class children, it was said at the Inner London Education Authority's inquiry into the William Tyndale school yesterday.

Mr Terence Ellis, headmaster of the junior school, said that in a mixed social area such as Islington, "certain pressures" were being brought on teachers, as a result of the increasing tendency of professional people to send their children to state schools.

"Perhaps because of the nature of their professions and their contacts, they are able to make their views and needs felt out of all proportion to their numbers", he said. "Other parents are so busy trying to keep their heads above water that they have neither the time nor the means to organize in the same way, and so their children's interests can go by the board."

He felt that his school must cater for children of all classes and races, and he did not like the feeling that he was being pushed in any particular direction by any one group of parents.

Children of different social or, for that matter, racial groupings were ready to accept each other without prejudice if adults allowed them to do so. "But we cannot ignore the fact that many parents hold entirely different views on this", he added.

The chairman of the inquiry, Mr Robin Auld, QC, said yesterday that Mr Ellis's predecessor, Mr Alan Head, who now runs a school outside London, had declined to give evidence. A number of witnesses in recent days, including Mr Ellis, have made critical allegations about the situation at the school during Mr Head's tenure.

Mr Auld said that Mr Head had sent a written statement which he described as his "first and last intervention in this patently grubby affair", but had been told that the statement could not be used if he was not willing to attend in person.

One man cleared in 'lump' tax fraud trial

One of nine men in the dock in the alleged "lump" tax fraud case at the Central Criminal Court was acquitted yesterday, and discharged on the direction of the judge.

He is Patrick Joseph Enright, aged 39, contract manager of J. Murphy and Sons Ltd, the construction firm, of Brooklands Close, Luton, Bedfordshire. He and eight other men had pleaded not guilty to conspiring to cheat and defraud the Inland Revenue.

Mr John Leonard, QC, for the prosecution, has alleged that the Inland Revenue was cheated of £1,468,356 over a 26-month period through the use of the "lump" system.

Judge King-Hamilton, QC, granted an application by Mr John Hazan, QC, for the defence of Mr Enright, that defence costs, to be assessed, should be allowed out of public funds.

The trial of the remaining men was adjourned until next Monday.

Best year yet for police recruiting

There was a net increase of 4,389 in police manpower last year, the best year yet for recruitment, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State at the Home Office, said yesterday.

He added, however, that the increase was no reason for complacency; many forces were still substantially short of men.

Sheep dip order

All sheep in Northamptonshire are to be dipped compulsorily from next Monday because of an increase in sheep scab, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday. About a thousand sheep in the county have been affected.

Boy accused of murder

A schoolboy aged 13 was remanded in custody until next Tuesday by magistrates at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, yesterday accused of the murder of Valerie Ward, aged 19, a supermarket assistant, of Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire.

Refunds to 40,000 disappointed Court Line holidaymakers will begin soon

By Patricia Tisdall

The long-awaited completion of a scheme to unblock remaining repayments to holidaymakers who lost money through the collapse of Clarksons Holidays and Halcyon Holidays, both Court Line subsidiaries, was announced by the Association of British Travel Agents yesterday.

As a result, refunds to 40,000 disappointed holidaymakers whose claims have been held up by legal difficulties will begin by the end of this month.

The scheme required all travel agents who have held payment for holidays since the companies' collapse in August, 1974, to declare those holdings to an independent stakeholder. More than 1,500 travel agents have made the necessary declarations.

Urgent negotiations are taking place between ABTA and the other parties to ensure that a further 250 people who booked through travel agents who have failed since the Court Line collapse can also be repaid quickly.

Agreement has also been reached with the liquidator of Airfair, the advanced booking charter subsidiary of Court Line, over a scheme to resolve a similar "pipeline" money situation. Travel agents will shortly be instructed on the necessary action, ABTA says.

The difficulties with Airfair are on a much smaller scale than those encountered with Clarksons or Halcyon. Only about 9,000 Airfair passengers were affected by the collapse, and up to December 16, 6,500 of those had been repaid from the Government's Air Travel Reserve Fund.

The deadline for claims to be submitted to the liquidator, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, is January 17, according to the conditions set by the fund agency. It is hoped that a further 2,000 people who booked through Court Travel, a retail travel agent within the Court Line group, can also be repaid by the agency.

The scheme was devised to resolve the question of money held by retail travel agents for holidays paid for but not taken when Court Line failed. It has never been established legally whether that money belongs to the client or the liquidator. In view of that, it was necessary for such money to be "frozen" until its ownership had been established.

When the arrangements concerning those "pipeline" funds were first announced last November, it was hoped that most repayments could be completed by the end of February. But plans were delayed by a slow response from travel agents to the stakeholders, the accountants Thomson McLintock.

The procedure is that after the agents' money has been declared, the fund, now totalling £1.87m, will be wound up and the proceeds split between the liquidators and the agency.

A number of agents who have still not filed declarations face the threat of legal action by the liquidators under the retail code of conduct.

John Carter writes: Sir Kenneth Selby, chairman of the agency, said yesterday that the bulk of repayments would be cleared by the end of March. He added: "We have been in somewhat of a traumatic situation for the last three months over this pipeline money because the liquidators, ABTA and myself were not of one mind at all on this. We had different interests to watch."

The main complication had been the legal interpretation of the relationship between the tour companies and the high street travel agents, who had between £3m and £4m in their tills when the companies collapsed.

"Travel agents had the landable intention of repaying their clients, but unfortunately this did not meet the Companies Act provisions", he said. This was why his scheme had had to be discussed at such length.

"Whereas the liquidators would have settled for 50 per cent, which I was certain they were going to get, we ended up with a much higher success rate than that. At times the Treasury and others thought I was being too optimistic."

He said that some 75,000 people had so far been paid by the agency for holidays they lost. In the next week or 10 days payments would begin to about 2,000 people a week.

Man's life 'saved by wallet'

By Clive Borrell

A bulky wallet and a thick pocket book probably saved the life of Mr Henderson Atkins when he was shot in the chest as he walked to his home in Forest Hill, south London, early yesterday.

Mr Atkins, aged 29, a railway worker, was so close to the gunman, in a white Austin 1100, that the shotgun pellets from the cartridge did not spread. Instead they tore a hole in his jacket and embedded in his wallet and pocket book. "He is very lucky to be alive. This was a senseless and apparently motiveless crime", a senior Yard officer said.

Mr Atkins, believed to be of West Indian origin, was taken to Lewisham hospital suffering from shock and bruising.

A few minutes before that incident a man speaking with a West Indian accent, telephoned Scotland Yard to report that some white men in a white car stopped him and asked directions.

Almost immediately the car returned, he said, and the same driver and his passenger called to him: "We have got something for you". A shot was fired but the man escaped over a wall and hid in a thick garden hedge until the car drove away.

"We are anxious for this man to come forward. He may be able to help us in our inquiries", a senior Yard detective said.

Trade unions 'have too much power'

About three quarters of the public, and nearly two thirds of trade union members agree with the view that "trade unions have too much power in Britain today", according to an opinion poll in the current issue of *The Economist*.

The poll, taken last October, was conducted by Market and Opinion Research International.

In the magazine's leading article, British trade unions are described as "the museum piece of the international union movement". It says: "Union leaders hardly know how to run their own unions and have neither the power nor, indeed, the aspiration to run anything else."

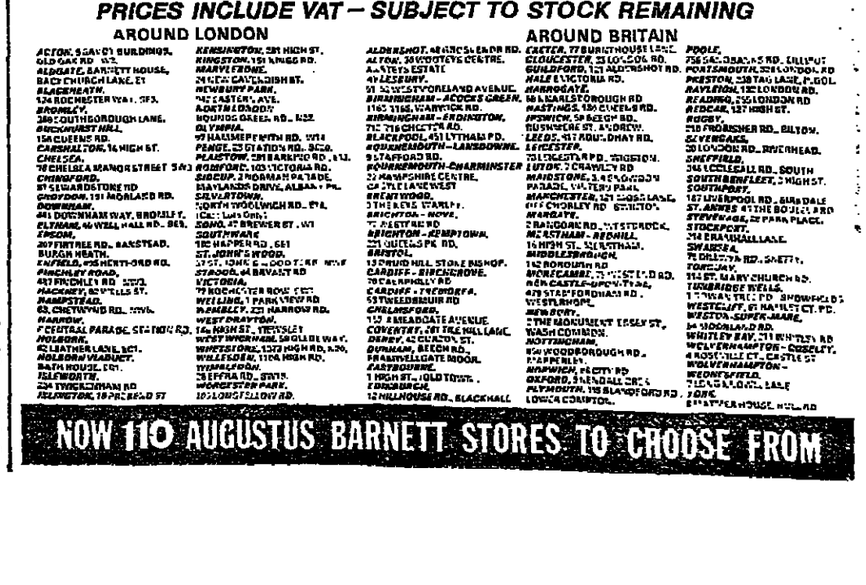
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Italian Socialists want Communist link

From Patricia Clough
Rome, Jan 9

Signor Francesco de Martino, leader of the Italian Socialist Party, which brought down the Italian government on Wednesday, declared today that the party would not return to government unless the Communists were associated in some way with the ruling majority. However, he made it clear that the Socialists were willing to negotiate on what kind of "contribution" the Communists could provide.

The Socialist demands were "elastic", he told a press conference, adding: "It does not follow that the only other solution is early elections."

A similar willingness to reach a quick compromise was shown by the Social Democrat Party, which suddenly abandoned the rigid anti-Communist stand it has maintained for many years.

While excluding the possibility of any Communist participation in the government majority, the Social Democrats agreed that it was "right and appropriate" that there should be a constructive relationship with the Communists with a view to "convergence" on economic and social problems.

The biggest question mark was the position of the majority Government party, the Christian Democrats, deeply divided since their heavy losses in last June's regional and local elections. They were meeting this evening to debate the issue.

Meanwhile, Signor Ugo La Malfa, the Deputy Prime Minister and leader of the small Republican Party, announced in an interview that he will never accept a post in any government again. Government was like trench warfare. "I cannot face it any more . . . let others take my place." Signor La Malfa, who is 72, has held numerous ministerial posts over the past 30 years.

The possibility that the right-wing Liberal Party might be included in the next government majority was aired by Signor de Martino at his press conference. "If an agreement among all the constitutional parties to tackle the emergency situation is possible, I see no problem in the Liberals participating. We will not reject them."

Signor de Martino defended the Socialists' much criticized decision to bring down the Government, saying that it was inconceivable that a party should be required to give its support to an economic policy which it opposed.

The measures intended to help Italy out of the worst economic crisis since the Second World War, were not only inadequate but dangerous, he said. A condition for the Socialists' return to government was a sharp change of economic policy with measures designed to encourage investments rather than the indiscriminate "hand-out of millions of lire".

A clear-cut agreement on the Communists' "contribution" to government was necessary to enable a future Administration to face the "emergency situation" in the country. He suggested prior consultations with the Communists on abstention in important votes in Parliament.

Signor de Martino dismissed suggestions that such a solution would be a first step to a Communist pact with the Christian Democrats. It was simply an adequate solution to the urgent problems of the moment.

OVERSEAS

African summit likely to avoid commitment to any Angola faction for fear of wrecking OAU

From Nicholas [illegible]ford
Addis Ababa, J[illegible]

African heads of state and government-begi[illegible] arriving here today for what l[illegible] like being one of the most d[illegible]al summit meetings of the O[illegible]ization of African Unity (O[illegible] since it was founded 12 yea[illegible]go.

At stake is not jus[illegible]e future of Angola, which is [illegible] reason the OAU has decid[illegible]or the first time to meet in a [illegible]ordinary session, but als[illegible]f the organization itself.

There were increasi[illegible]igns, however, that the lead[illegible] are determined not to ta[illegible] any action which might irreti[illegible]bly damage the OAU. State[illegible]ts by them on arrival today, th[illegible] one or two exceptions, av[illegible]d open commitment to an[illegible] of the three warring factions [illegible] Angola.

The depth of the difficu[illegible] was demonstrated today wh[illegible] the OAU was presented wi[illegible] two separate applications fro[illegible] the rival groups requesting recognition as the sole legitimate government of Angola.

The first came from the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) which has set itself up as the Government of the People's Republic of Angola in Luanda. The second was submitted jointly by the Angolan National Liberation Front (FNLA) and the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) who have formed themselves into the government of the Popular Democratic Republic of Angola based in Huambo (formerly Nova Lisboa).

The MPLA, which now has the backing of 22 of the organization's 46 member states, is still confident of winning overall recognition. But it seems increasingly likely that the OAU may avoid a commitment to either side for the time being.

As President Idi Amin of Uganda, this year's OAU chairman, said on his arrival: "Our top priority is to stop the bloodshed in Angola. It is not to deal with recognition right now." It was for the Angolans themselves to decide their own destiny.

President Kaunda of Zambia, who arrived earlier with Sir Seretse Khama, President of Botswana, also emphasized that the establishment of a "meaningful peace" was the main objective. He added that he would like to see a government of national unity formed there; an aim shared by Unita but rejected by the MPLA.

President Nyerere of Tanzania, a leading supporter of the MPLA, carefully avoided making an open commitment to the Marxist-orientated movement. He said the heads of state were to discuss foreign aggression in Angola which, without naming any names, he made clear came from South Africa.

Today's arrivals included several leaders who rarely turn up for such events, notably President Senghor of Senegal and President Bokassa of the Central African Republic.

President Bokassa attacked the Soviet Union for dispatching large detachments of Cubans to fight for the MPLA.

However, Cuban involvement was defended by Señor Osmany Cienfuegos, a leading member of the central committee of the Cuban Communist Party, who arrived on a visit to Ethiopia today. His denial caused considerable astonishment. Señor Cienfuegos also declared that it was purely coincidental that he should be in Addis Ababa at the same time as the OAU summit.

When tomorrow's meeting gets under way the African leaders will have only one item on the agenda: "Consideration of the Angolan problem". But as one official wryly commented, the discussion might well be on "how to save the OAU from Angola".

Our Lusaka Correspondent writes: South African troops are being pulled out of Angola, it was learnt here today. Diplomatic sources said that the South Africans had been persuaded by the United States and other countries that the political embarrassment of their presence far outweighed the advantages of their military assistance. The withdrawal is expected to be rapid.

Luanda, Jan 9.—MPLA forces have captured the town Songo, about 40 miles north of Uige (Carmona) the FNLA base taken on Monday, Major Juju, the MPLA military spokesman, said here today. He said the southern front, where the MPLA faces South African and Unita forces, was stable.—Agence France-Presse.

New York, Jan 9.—Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations, today called for an immediate end to all foreign intervention in Angola.—Reuter.



Mr Miyazawa (right) introduces Mr Gromyko at a reception yesterday at the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo.

Gromyko talks open in Tokyo today

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Jan 9

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, arrived in Tokyo today to discuss the terms of a proposed peace treaty with Japan; but it was evident from the onset that the talks will be bedevilled by the long-standing territorial dispute over four former northern Japanese islands occupied by the Russians since the end of the Second World War.

Japanese officials made it clear that their Government was not prepared to enter into a pact with the Soviet Union unless the four islands—Storofu, Shikotan, Kunashiri and Habomai, situated north-east of Hokkaido—were returned to Japan. Diplomatic sources indicated that Mr Gromyko had not come to Tokyo to make concessions over the dispute.

However, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who meets Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, his Japanese counterpart, for talks tomorrow, is expected to question Japan's plans to sign a peace and friendship treaty with China. The Soviet Union has already criticized the proposed Sino-Japanese treaty officially, asserting that Peking's attempts to insert a specific "anti-hegemony clause" was aimed directly at the Soviet Union.

The meeting between the two foreign ministers tomorrow will be the fourth round of consultative ministerial talks since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1956.

At the time, the Soviet Union agreed to return the two small islands of Habomai and Shikotan in settlement for a peace treaty, but in the ensuing two decades Moscow has steadfastly refused to give up the strategic larger islands of Storofu and Kunashiri, maintaining that borders established at the end of the Second World War cannot be disputed.

The Soviet Union occupied the islands under the somewhat vague terms of the Yalta secret agreement of 1945. Although the Japanese have administered the Kurile islands, but have no historic claim to the outlying chain, they steadfastly maintain that the four islands in dispute have always been Japanese territory.

They have consistently insisted that the dispute must be settled before Tokyo enters into a peace treaty with Moscow.

A Mr Gromyko flew into Tokyo today amid heavy security precautions, both left-wing and right-wing demonstrators demanded the return of the islands. The two foreign ministers are also expected to discuss plans to obviate friction at sea over fishing rights and Japan's participation in the economic development of Siberia.

Tory leader sees issue of Palestine as crucial

From Paul Martin
Cairo, Jan 9

Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, declared today that the Palestinian issue was "more than a refugee problem" and that its solution was essential for a final Middle East settlement. However, she emphasized that all parties to the conflict had rights, including the Palestinians, and only when these were reconciled could there be a solution.

At a press conference at the end of her talks with Egyptian leaders, Mrs Thatcher refused to be drawn on the question of a role for the Palestine Liberation Organization in the peace process. But her remarks on the wider nature of the Palestinian problem appeared to go some way to support the coming Arab campaign at the United Nations Security Council to have it defined as a political issue.

Clearly, the Palestinian question absorbed much of the time during Mrs Thatcher's discussions with President Sadat, as she prepared for the Syrian leg of her "front line" Arab tour, she said that the personal contacts she had made in Egypt had taught her a lot about the problems of the region.

Mrs Thatcher said that she regarded "unilateral pronouncements" on the Middle East as unwise at such a delicate stage in the negotiating process. She defined Conservative Party policy as one based on United Nations Resolution 242, which calls for Israel withdrawal from occupied Arab territory in return for peace, and a solution to the Palestinian problem.

She went on to repeat the EEC stand outlined at the recent General Assembly debate, which called for a recognition of Palestinian rights to national identity in return for Israel's right to exist within secure boundaries. She emphasized that this embodied the "two limbs" of the Middle East problem and said that only if it were tackled in such a way could there be a solution.

Although she would not endorse the EEC policy as identical with that of the Conservative Party, Mrs Thatcher said it was crucial that any agreement should be two-sided. "I am interested in a settlement of the Middle East problem", she said, rising to repeated questions on the subject, "a final and lasting solution." What was needed was a reconciliation of the rights of all the parties.

"Ultimately, if we are to get a settlement, we have to get a reconciliation between the two. This is not aided by unilateral pronouncements, but only by diplomatic activity between the two of the kind that resulted in the Sinai agreement."

Mrs Thatcher went out of her way to praise this agreement between Egypt and Israel as a "courageous and wise" move. But she said that it was only a "first step" towards a solution and that it was vital that the momentum towards peace should be maintained by all involved.

Discussing a possible British role in expanded Geneva peace talks and suggesting that she could be one of the big power guarantors, Mrs Thatcher said that Britain was willing to play a role. "I imagine that when we get a final Middle East settlement we will not get one without some international guarantee of the frontiers, because obviously every single state will be looking for some guarantee of its own right to exist in the area."

Throughout, Mrs Thatcher went out of her way to avoid any comment which might be construed as criticism of the British Government's policies. On arms supplies to Egypt, she said that her party's policy was to look at each case on its merits and to judge whether it would ultimately jeopardize a Middle East settlement.

14 workers scalded to death

Hamburg, Jan 9.—A boiler exploded on board a tanker being completed in a Hamburg dockyard today scalding 14 workmen to death. Another 60 were injured, of whom 29 were detained in hospital.

Some 70 rescue vehicles and ambulances, including two big buses, rushed to the Blöhm und Voss shipyards after the explosion occurredin the boiler-room of the Anders Maersk as it floated in a company dock, being completed for a trial run.

It was being built for the Scandinavian Maersk line.

A company official told reporters: "It was frightful. I was in the war, but I have never seen anything like it before." The official, who guided rescue workers to the devastated boiler-room to extricate the dead and injured, said the explosion occurred when the ship's engine was being started for a test run.

One of the boilers burst, scalding 12 workers to death in a gush of steam super-heated to temperature of 500 deg C and under a presssure of 50 atmospheres. The explosion blasted open a bulkhead and injured several other workers in an adjoining section.

The vicitims were lowered by cranes from the ship to ambulances waiting at the dockside, from where 31 injured were rushed to five hospitals. Two of the hospital cases died within hours. Another three or four were said to be in a critical condition.—AP.

Portugal to borrow from abroad

Lisbon, Jan 8.—Dr Francisco Salgado Zenha, the Minister of Finance, said today that Portugal was negotiating foreign loans amounting to 20,000m escudos (£364m) to help it out of its economic crisis.

Speaking on television, he said the funds would come mainly from West Germany, the United States, the International Monetary Fund, the European Economic Community and the European Free Trade Association. The loans would be primarily for the development of agriculture, fishing, food industries, textiles and construction.—Reuter.

Our Brussels Correspondent writes:

An EEC delegation is to visit Lisbon next week to speed up the Community's allocation of 180m units of account (about £90m) of emergency financial aid to Portugal.

The team of officials from the European Investment Bank, the Community's long-term finance institution, will meet Portuguese experts to discuss which industrial projects should benefit from the £75m worth of loans agreed by the Nine last October. The remaining £15m is to be used to subsidize loan repayments by the Portuguese.

At a meeting in Brussels today, Portuguese representatives listed some of the projects their Government had in mind. They cover such priority sectors as industry, energy, transport, agriculture and tourism.

13 Democrats lining up for primaries

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 9

Senator Charles Mathias, a Republican, has decided not to enter the Massachusetts presidential primary, and Senator Robert Byrd, a Democrat, has decided to enter the West Virginia one. He is thus the eleventh formal candidate for the Democratic nomination.

Senator Frank Church is still hesitating on the brink but will probably jump in soon, and Senator Hubert Humphrey is awaiting the call. That makes 13.

Senator Byrd's candidacy is not very serious: he is the Democratic Whip and second in command in the Senate, and he is entering the primary in his home state, West Virginia, in the hope of catching its 33 delegates to the convention and being kingmaker.

He assured the press today that he was not just a "favourite son" candidate, that he wanted to get on to the national ticket and that he would accept the vice-presidential nomination if offered.

Senator Mathias, a very liberal Republican from Maryland, has been unhappy about the way the party is going for some time. He regrets the competition in conservatism between Mr Ford and Mr Reagan, the two official Republican candidates for the nomination.

Today was the last day on which candidates can register for the Massachusetts primary, which will be held on March 2—or withdraw their names. This is what Senator Mathias did today. His friends had put it in earlier. It is a liberal state with conservative problems and will have a fine collection of Democratic and two Republican candidates.

Senator Mathias said today that he was still interested in a "coalition of independents with Democrats and Republicans which would command a clear majority of the American electorate". Out on the fringes, the former Senator Eugene McCarthy is also running for President, as an independent.

Meanwhile, all the states are getting ready to select delegates to the two conventions, each according to its own rules. In New York, a quarter of the Republican delegates have been selected by local party office holders (the rest are chosen by ballot) and they all turn out to be supporters of Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller, a former Governor of New York.

The President is said to regret that these "at large" delegates should have chosen not to commit themselves to him. It is obviously of little significance that the first delegates picked up by anyone should be loyal to someone who is not officially a candidate. But Mr Rockefeller is as distressed as is Senator Mathias at the direction the party is going.

Governor drawn into New York investigation

From Peter Strafford
New York, Jan 9

There has been a new twist to the continuing dispute between Mr Hugh Carey, the governor of New York State, Mr Maurice Nadjari, the state's special prosecutor, and Mr Patrick Cunningham, chairman of the Democratic state committee.

According to a statement in court yesterday, Mr Nadjari made an approach to Mr Cunningham in which he offered to ease up on his investigation of Mr Cunningham's doings provided Mr Cunningham gave him "the goods on the governor".

This statement, by a lawyer for Mr Cunningham, was the first time that Mr Carey himself had been publicly involved in Mr Nadjari's investigation into corruption in New York city. There was an instant, but incomplete, denial from Mr Nadjari but this was not enough to limit its explosive effect.

The dispute came out into the open just before Christmas, when Mr Carey suddenly tried to have Mr Nadjari, a Republican, removed from his position. Mr Nadjari refused to go and accused Mr Carey of acting in order to protect leading Democrats involved in his investigation.

He followed this with a court affidavit in which he accused Mr Cunninghom, a close associate of Mr Carey, of selling judgeships and other offices in the Bronx.

Terrorist bomb injures eight in Jerusalem shop

From Our Correspondent
Tel Aviv, Jan 9

A terrorist bomb exploded this morning in a Jerusalem supermarket injuring eight shoppers and employees. One victim required surgery and the others suffered slight cuts and bruises.

The supermarket is in Ramat Eshkol, a modern residential development on former Jordanian soil occupied in the 1967 war. Some of the shoppers in the supermarket at the time of the explosion were Arab workmen employed on construction in the area. Fifty Arabs were rounded up in the vicinity for questioning by police.

Witnesses said a pipe bomb with a delayed action device had apparently been planted in a shopping trolley left near the kitchen utensils department. The explosion brought down a shelf.

Screaming women ran out of the shop which was combed by police for more bombs. Two hours later it reopened for business.

Turkish moves to stop student battles

Ankara, Jan 9.—Mr Suleyman Demirel, Turkish prime minister, citing student unrest as the main concern of his Government, said today that martial law might be necessary to deal with the problem.

A dozen youths have been killed in Turkey's left-wing and right-wing student battles since November. Several universities have stopped classes.

Mr Demirel told reporters that his Government had not yet made a decision to declare martial law but that this was one way open to combat campus terrorism. As a first step, before martial law became necessary, the Government might consider raking over the administration of the universities, he said.

The Prime Minister blamed a 1974 amnesty Bill for the student problem. This released thousands of youths, mostly leftist, who were jailed under a martial law drive against the extreme left in 1971-72.—AP.

Libyan students end sit-in

Cairo, Jan 9.—More than 300 Libyan university students peacefully ended a 36-hour sit-in at Libya's embassy here today. They were protesting against the alleged killing of a number of their colleagues in Benghazi.

An embassy official said that the students left the embassy early this afternoon, but he would not reveal the outcome of discussions the students held earlier with Mr Milad al-Sadiq Ramadan, the Libyan ambassador.

The students had said earlier today that they would end their occupation despite a deadlock in their talks with Mr Ramadan. They claimed that 13 of their colleagues had been killed and 50 wounded by Benghazi police during demonstrations against alleged Libyan Government interference in student federation elections.

Forces radio goes off the air

Singapore, Jan 9.—One of the last and most popular symbols of the British military presence in Singapore—the British Forces Broadcasting System—goes permanently off the air tonight. For 25 years it broadcast to British, Australian and New Zealand troops.—Reuter.

Deal with Morocco brings EEC vision nearer

From David Cross
Brussels, Jan 9

The European Community's long-held vision of a huge free trade area spanning most of the Mediterranean area moved closer to fruition today with the completion of negotiations with Morocco for a new trade and aid deal.

It became the second Arab and the fourth Mediterranean country to conclude a preferential cooperation agreement with the Community in recent months. The deal will further strengthen the Community's position in its relations with the Arab world. After the signing of a similar accord with Israel last summer, the Arabs took the attitude that the balance of the Community's Mediterranean policy was tipping in favour of their traditional enemy.

The latest agreement ensures virtually free access to the Community for Moroccan industrial and agricultural products. The exceptions cover particularly sensitive products like refined petroleum, olive oil, citrus fruit and wine, where certain reduced tariffs will remain in force for the time being.

The Community has also agreed to offer the Moroccans financial aid totalling 150m units of account (about £70m) in loans and grants over five and a half years. In addition, Moroccans working in the Community will be entitled to improved social security benefits.

Commission officials expressed the hope today that a final round of negotiations with the third Maghreb country, Algeria, can be successfully completed next week. Talks with the group (it also includes Tunisia which concluded its negotiations with the Community earlier this week) have been moving in step so far.

The first round of negotiations with a second group of Mediterranean countries, the Mashrek states of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, are due to open in Brussels at the end of the month.

17 kidnapped by Argentine rightists

From Jane Monahan
Buenos Aires, Jan 9

Right-wing terrorists, posing as commando groups, yesterday seized at least 17 people in the northern industrial towns of Córdoba and Villa Constitucion and murdered three of them.

The three were metal workers in Villa Constitucion. They were dragged from their homes at about 4 am and their bullet-riddled bodies were later found on a country road six miles outside Buenos Aires. They had their hands tied and they were blindfolded.

In Córdoba, 14 people were kidnapped yesterday. One of the missing men, a businessman, was seized by a group calling itself "The Liberators of America Commando". The group has claimed responsibility for the murder of nine students, including several Bolivians and a Peruvian, dragged from their hostel in Córdoba at the end of last year.

Municipal workers in Córdoba are planning to go on strike in protest against the disappearance of two local council employees who were taken away from their homes early yesterday by 15 armed men who claimed they were police.

Workers at the Perkins car plant in the town downed tools yesterday in protest against other kidnappings and alleged arbitrary arrests of employees by right-wing terrorists.

Córdoba police denied last night that anyone had been detained by them during the spate of abductions.

Since last November, Argentina's "anti-subversion" struggle, which is officially limited to guerrillas but which now extends to anyone who openly criticizes the Government's repressive measures and economic policies, has come under the direct control of the armed forces.

President Isabel Perón today urged her countrymen to join the fight against the "atheist, mercenary and delirious" guerrillas.

Addressing military academy graduates she said the fight's purpose was "to ensure our country's survival as a civilized community".

Woman doctor for Antarctic

Canberra, Jan 9.—The Australian Government announced today that it had appointed a British doctor to become the first woman to spend the winter in the Antarctic. Mr James Webster, the Science Minister, said Dr N. C. Gardner would spend the winter with an Australian national Antarctic research expedition.

She had asked that her Christian names should not be published, and declined to divulge her home address.

US pledge falls short of Israel's expectations

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Jan 9

Mr Yigal Allon, the Israel Foreign Minister, has a promise that the United States will consult Israel before allowing any new resolution on the Middle East through the United Nations Security Council. This is far less than he hoped to obtain in his meeting here with Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State, and in a press conference afterwards he took a line of the utmost intransigence.

He said that next week's Security Council meeting should eliminate the obstacles on the road to peace, including the provision of the council's resolution of November 30 allowing the Palestinian Liberation Organization to take part in the debate. That resolution, he said, was a great blow to the prospects of peace.

"Why did the rest of the members of the Security Council find it necessary to give this satisfaction to Syria?" he asked.

He obviously cannot expect the Security Council to accept his demand that it begin its debate by excluding the PLO. He hopes, however, that the United States will veto any tampering with the terms of Resolutions 242 and 338, which provide the basis for the Geneva conference.

He said that any attempt to change the working or meaning of the resolutions would be rejected by the United States, but then admitted that "if some smart guy in the Council tries to change wording by a trap, we will have time for consultations".

He was asked what he would say to an amendment, or a new resolution "recognizing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" and said that Israel would reject it.

Every time Dr Kissinger has appeared in public during Mr Allon's visit, he has insisted on the friendship between the two countries, and has repeated America's commitment to Israel's survival. Mr Allon has been much less conciliatory.

Paris supports Rabat on Sahara issue

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 9

French support for the Moroccan standpoint over the Spanish Sahara has received the seal of official approval with the announcement that King Hassan will pay a state visit to France. Mr Ahmed Osman, the Moroccan Prime Minister, who is in Paris for official talks, said last night that the date had been discussed during his talks with President Giscard d'Estaing.

The announcement is significant at a time when tension between Rabat and Algiers over the Spanish Sahara has reached a high point.

Mr Osman told a press conference this evening that his country regarded the problem of Spanish Morocco as "definitely settled".

Agents 'bugged' Danish deputy's home

Copenhagen, Jan 9.—Mr Orla Moeller, Danish Minister for Justice and Defence, today confirmed that in 1958 foreign secret agents illegally "bugged" the Copenhagen flat of a Communist deputy, Mr Alfred Jansen. The minister refused to reveal the nationality of the secret agents but said that the Danish secret service was not involved.

Mr Moeller was replying to Mr Gert Peterson, a Socialist People's Party deputy, who asked him to confirm a report by the Washington correspondent of Radio Denmark that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) "bugged" the apartment.

Mr Moeller said that the matter only came to the attention of the Danish authorities in 1964 and no action was taken because by then the time limit on prosecution had run out.

Dissidents sign appeal for jailed Soviet biologist

Moscow, Jan 9.—More than 200 of the Soviet Union's most prominent dissidents, including Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel peace prize winner, called today for the annulment of the severe sentence passed last month on Dr Sergei Kovalyov, a human rights campaigner.

Among the signatories were Ukrainian, Jewish and Tartar activists and literary figures, and 58 political prisoners held in Soviet jails and camps.

A court in Vilnius, Lithuania, sentenced Dr Kovalyov on December 12 to seven years in a strict regime labour camp and three years internal exile for anti-Soviet agitation.

At a news conference in his Moscow apartment, Dr Sakharov distributed copies of an appeal that described Dr Kovalyov, a biologist by training, as a "fighter against tyranny and injustice" and demanded an end to persecution of Soviet citizens for their human rights activities.

"We also demand an annulment of the verdict and sentence on Sergei Kovalyov", the appeal said.

A three-page list of names attached to the appeal included those of 174 dissidents at present not imprisoned or exiled. Among them were Andrei Amalrik, Roy Medvedev, Piotr Yakir, Alexander Luns, Larissa Bogoraz, Alexander Lerner, Vladimir Slepak and Dr Sakharov and his wife.—UPI and Reuter.

'Thousands arrested' over Indian hunger strike

Delhi, Jan 9.—Mr S. A. Dange, chairman of the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (CPI), said today that between 30,000 and 40,000 of his supporters were arrested last Tuesday for holding a nation-wide hunger strike against the Government's Bonus Act. The measure, introduced soon after the declaration of the state of emergency last June, freed employers from granting compulsory bonus to workers and linked it to profit.

Mr Dange, who was speaking to foreign correspondents in Delhi, said that most of those arrested, including some party members, were still under detention. He added that the CPI, which broadly supported the Government on the emergency, would oppose any measure which went against the interests of workers.

The party supported the emergency because it was aimed at preventing the forces of right reaction and imperialism from taking over. While fighting the forces of reaction, the Government might find it necessary to take measures against the workers; but this was an inconvenience the workers should put up with.

Answering questions, Mr Dange said the postponement of general elections by Mrs Gandhi's Government was "not a calamity against which we should agitate". The present conditions were not suitable for holding election campaigns by any party.

290 injured in rail crash

Chicago, Jan 9.—Some 290 people were injured when a fast train ran into a stationary one on a railway line here today.

Police said almost half of the 600 people in the two trains, who included schoolchildren, were hurt. Twelve people were seriously injured, but most of the others were taken to hospitals and released after treatment.

Some passengers were trapped in the wreckage for about two hours while firemen struggled to cut through the metal carriages. Two of the rear cars in the stationary train were telescoped, and most of the injured were in these carriages.

The Chicago Transport Authority was unable to explain the crash, which happened on the Kennedy rapid transit line, despite several safety devices installed in trains.—Reuter.

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Poor Pierrot

by Richard Holmes

If you encountered Pierrot in Paris today, he would seem innocent enough, quite innocent. Besides, it would probably be in a children's toyshop. In the Passage Jouffroy, for example, one of those high melancholy ironwork arcades off the boulevard Montmartre, much frequented by Gérard de Nerval in the long autumn days before his suicide, there is a spacious old-fashioned boutique stuffed with cardboard theatres, packs of Petits Metamorphoses, Second Empire dolls' house furniture, musical boxes that play Chopin—and Pierrots, dozens of them.

There are Pierrot dolls, Pierrot marionettes, Pierrot paperweights, Pierrot glove-puppets, Pierrot mannikins, Pierrot pipe-cleaners, and Pierrot *pantins* with flat cardboard limbs linked up with string and brass eyelets, and strangely blank on their reverse sides as if their souls had somehow been misplaced. All of them conform religiously to the same uniform: loose white smock and pantaloons, tight black skullcap, and austerely blanched face that stares back at you with weird intensity. At a distance, perched there in the arcade window, they look like a flock of fantail pigeons in mourning; close to, they are somewhere between clowns and purgatorial spirits.

The childlike symbolism of all this reminds one of those endearingly familiar nursery-rhymes that once announced the terrors and tragedies of popular history, the 'ishoos of plague, the cherry-stones of murder. Pierrot's origins are mysterious: yet everyone can lament his plight, the gentle distracted *ami* of the seventeenth-century air. "*Au clair de la lune*", the creature of laughter and sadness that we vaguely associate with Paris and unrequited love and the bittersweet light of the moon.

But who, in fact, was Pierrot, and why was he so unhappy? That simple question is one of the profound riddles of folk mythology, and the account that follows is merely one episode in what is perhaps an eternally recurring cycle in the human tragi-comedy. It concerns Jean-Gaspard Deburau, one of the legendary giants of the French Romantic Theatre, and a figure almost as mysterious as the White Clown whom he rescued from three centuries of despised obscurity in the travelling fairgrounds and anonymous harlequinades of western Europe.

To begin at the beginning is impossible; but one may start with a birth. Deburau was born in Newkolin in 1796 and can correctly be called a Bohemian. The youngest member of a troupe of touring acrobats, he spent a roofless childhood crossing and recrossing a Continent convulsed by Napoleonic dreams. Deburau's father seems to have been an army deserter, a shrewd businessman, and a bully; his mother seems simply to have died young, exhausted by privations; neither had definite nationality. Deburau grew up into a tall, loose-limbed boy, with a long melancholy face, taciturn and withdrawn, a clumsy acrobat and consequently the comic butt of his nimbler brothers and sisters.

There was something dreamy and elusively ambitious about him. A persistent legend tells of a visit to the Sultan's palace in Constantinople, where the family troupe were commanded to perform in an apparently deserted hall, partitioned off at one end by a diaphanous curtain. For their finale, young Deburau was required to scamper to the top of a human pyramid: as he faltered onto his brother's shoulders, he was magically rewarded by a glimpse beyond the softly undulating veil. He was looking down on a secret audience, the entire Sultan's harem, a giddy vision of silks and jewels and curving flesh, forbidden to all mortal eyes on pain of death. He gazed, overbalanced, fell.

The Deburau family seemed to have settled in Paris towards 1814, but it is not until 1822 that the father's name first appears on a cast list of the new pantomime theatre, the Funambules. Young Deburau was employed as a buffoon, and revealed a hidden talent for elegant and sometimes savage mimicry. His emotional life remains hidden: the city archives show that at 23 he married a flower girl called Adelaide, for whom he bought dresses on credit at the local *couturière*, so we may perhaps assume that she was beautiful, and that he loved her. But three months later Adelaide died, in a tiny upper lodging at the Hotel Boufflers. A surviving inventory shows a bed with a straw mattress, a round dining table with two flaps, and a chest of drawers with a marble top.

After seven more years of penurious existence, Deburau *père* died, the family troupe began to disperse, and one has the sense of a tyranny dissolving. For Deburau, then aged 30, it was a moment of late blossoming. At last he was able to sign his own contract with the Funambules management, and he concluded a solid three year agreement with a weekly salary of 35 francs, which was about four times what the musicians earned. He was engaged to play one named role only: that of Pierrot, the White Faced Clown. The contract was dated December 10, 1826.

Until this critical moment in theatrical history, the stock part of Pierrot had been minor and ill-defined. Pierrot was loosely evolved from a number of auxiliary clown figures in the Italian Commedia dell' Arte troupes of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. He was a figure of fun, rather than of distinction. Experts are inclined to disagree, but Pierrot's ancestors have been variously identified with Pedrolino, the honest valet of Flaminio Scala's plays; the wise peasant Bertoldo whose struggles with the Prince of Bologna were first written down by Giulio Croce in the 1570's; the all-purpose buffoon of the fair-ground show, Il Pagliaccio (*Le Paillasse*, Old Strawbags); the Giglio or Gilles of the Napolitan commedia; and the French Fool Gros-Guillaume (Little Willy) who played in front of Cardinal Richelieu with a face plastered with baker's flour and two belts to restrain the catholicity of his belly, one above and one below.

Indeed, the poor Pierrot whom Deburau inherited was so rich in ancestry that he was in effect perfectly illegitimate, a restless wanderer who sought his name in every city, a mongrel of the booths, a changeling outcast from the dignified family hierarchies of the traditional Commedia. He was quite simply the White Faced Clown, the *enfariné*, the Fool whose face is blanched—not with paint or wax—but with the homely naivity of flour and water. In this single recurrent detail lies the probable foundation of his dramatic character and his earliest symbolism. The Clown with the face of flour seems to represent both servile bumpkin stupidity, and its opposite, an eternal peasant wisdom; he also stands for something of the natural fertility of the earth, as persistent and universal as wheat, from which comes both his greed and his amorousness (consider the appetites of Chaucer's Miller). These traits give Pierrot's most primitive psychology. It is essentially innocent.

By the eighteenth century the White Faced Clown had established himself in supporting roles in many of the harlequinades in France, though the Italian Commedia itself had been banished from Paris in 1697 to protect the drama of Molière. The White Clown was a buffoon, valet, trickster and the eternally unsuccessful rival of Arlequin for the love of Columbine. But he was still an amorphous identity, known indiscriminately as Paillasse, Pierrot, Pedrolino, Pierre, or Gilles; and it is as "Gilles" that he appears in the famous portrait by Watteau of 1721, executed in eight days as a billboard for the Theatre de la Foire in Paris.

In a curious way, this painting is a premonition of Deburau. The White Clown stands forth in the parade, his limp arms dangling down his white *casaque*, his feet turned outwards, a proverb of naivity. Yet he has become suddenly mysterious. Perhaps this is simply because it is one of Watteau's very last works, with a consumptive glow of loss and transfiguration about it. But perhaps also, it is because Pierrot is suddenly *without* his mask of flour. From the ageless anonymity of the White Clown, a completely individual face now looks out, enigmatically, with a faint smile of greeting or mockery, the rims of the eyes and the nostrils slightly swollen and red, as if he had been weeping for some reason yet to be revealed. All this is of course a hundred years before Deburau himself stood forward to be judged.

It began (or it began again) with a summer newspaper article by Charles Nodier in the *Pandora* of 1823, heralding with a certain donnish humour the great new Gilles or Pierrot at the Funambules Theatre, a "*Satan naïf et bouffon*", who needed nothing but a large account and a smart carriage to give him a Parisian vogue. Nodier rented a box for a year, and wrote a pantomime especially for Deburau, called appropriately enough, *Le Songe d'or*, a dream of riches.

Nodier's support was influential, for as the eccentric librarian of the Arsenal, and the intimate of Hugo and Sainte-Beuve, his flights of fancy were closely observed by Parisian intellectuals. Deburau and the pantomime soon gained a kind of cult following. The sharp young critic on the *Journal des Débats*, Jules Janin, headed it with a racey two volume *Histoire du Théâtre à Quartre Sous* (1832), proclaiming the classical theatre dead and wildly panegyrizing the Funambules. It was complete with commissioned portraits of Deburau, and a fictionalized account of his early career, including a discussion supposed to have been held with Napoleon before Waterloo on the problems of French drama; and a lawsuit against the theatre management involving an impious toadstool said to have sprouted in the great clown's dressing room.

The long-haired poets Gautier and Nerval, then both in their twenties, attended the Funambules so regularly that whenever Pierrot carried out one of his ritual abductions of jam-tarts or pies, a salutation of pastries would fly down to greet them where they sat at their posts in the front-of-house box. Many other writers and *feuilletonistes* later came to watch the pantomime, and those who have left records include Baudelaire, Champfleury, Alphonse Karr, and George Sand.

But Gautier's summary is perhaps the best: "The pantomime is the real *comédie humaine*; and even though it does not employ two thousand characters like Balzac's, it is none the less complete for that. It embraces everything in four or five type-parts. Cassandra represents the family; Columbine the ideal woman or the dream pursued, the flower of youth and beauty; Arlequin with his monkey's snout and snake-like body, his patchwork and his shower of spangles, represents Love, Wit, Impulse, Audacity, and all that glitters in vice or virtue; while Pierrot, poor haggard, pallid Pierrot in his glimmering draperies, always hungry and always beaten, is the antique slave and the modern proletarian, the pariah, the helpless and disinherited being, who witnesses the orgies and follies of his masters with mournful and yet cunning eyes."

At the Funambules, Deburau began to give a peculiar and startling authority to the Pierrot, that *être passif et déshérité*. Partly this came from the conditions under which he played. The theatre, an erstwhile circus of performing dogs, Les Chiens Savants, was situated on the ancient boulevard du Temple, at the heart of the popular revolutionary quarter of Paris, between the market of Les Halles and the faubourg Saint Antoine. The *canaille* which crowded along the iron balustrade of the *paradis*—the gods, with its famous four *sous* seats—were the roughest, rowdiest, most unpredictable audience in Paris. Nerval recalled that to use a long pole in their presence was to incite a riot.

But it was just this audience that Deburau dominated. He did it, said George Sand, simply by expressing their own feelings. Moreover he did it in total silence. For in Deburau's masterly hands, Pierrot had become an entirely silent mime.

Originally, this silence had a political cause. Throughout its existence between 1816 and 1862, the Funambules never received a government licence to perform speaking plays, as these were regarded, in the circumstances, as subversive of morality, law and order. Instead it confined itself to a spectacular show of tight-rope walking, tumbling, quick-change, flying traps, dancing, slapstick and popular music, based on the pantomime plots of the traditional harlequinade. In place of dialogue, it developed rather more visual and violent methods of exchanging ideas and emotions. The three specialities were *cascades*, highly complex, balletic fights with clubs, punches and the celebrated leaping *pied au cul* which the tall, muscular Deburau excelled in; the *sauts*, startling and often perilous leaps up and down counterweighted trapdoors; and *trucs*, bizarre instantaneous changes of scenery or stage-prop, so that a sheltering wardrobe might become a ravenous whale, or a cooling icecream—for Pierrot, of course—a spluttering Roman candle.

Moving calmly, almost sardonically, through this stylized, rather brutal form of so-called "English" pantomime, the long pale figure of Deburau gradually became the dominating genius of the threatre. The White Clown came into his own kingdom. The extraordinary, hypnotic power of the blanched face, with mournful eyes and derisive lips thrown into vivid relief, gave Deburau a dramatic instrument infinitely more subtle than Arlequin's mask and spangles, or Columbine's skirts and prettiness. Moreover the taciturn Bohemian revealed an astonishing inventiveness of gesture and grimace, an entire *argot* of winks, sneers, nods, gapes, twinkles and guffaws. The *paradis* hung upon his face.

George Sand wrote that along the seething balustrade an almost studious concentration would appear, in row upon row of cupped chins and gaping mouths: "you really feel he is speaking, you could write down all his *bons mots*, all his caustic repartee, all his eloquent apologies. When the machinists make a noise backstage, the public, frightened of losing a single *word* of their Pierrot, howl 'Silence in the wings', and he thanks them . . .".

Increasingly, Deburau instilled Pierrot with his own personality: mocking, subtly malicious, charming and yet bitter, perhaps even menacing. He removed the buffon ruff of the Commedia clown, since it obscured his face in the lurid ramp-lights, and replaced Gilles's floppy hat with the severe black skullcap which further offset the white of his flour, and which henceforth became an obligatory part of the Parisian Pierrot's costume. More and more he played over the heads of the other characters, directly to *his* audience, assuming their complicity in his schemes, nonchalant, powerfully reserved. In some pantomimes it was now he, and not the wigged Arlequin, who clasped Columbine's waist in the traditional finale of flaring orange Bengal Flames.

By the mid-1830s, Deburau was undisputed master of the Funambules stage. His salary stood at 200 francs a month, and he had remarried. His second wife was the 20-year-old daughter of a prosperous artisan; Deburau was 39, and an illegitimate son, Charles, seven. At the theatre he played dominoes in his dressing-room, or criticized the other actors' improvisations from the wings. When Placide, the old comedian who had played Cassandra, came to retire, he was presented with a pair of silver candlesticks on stage at the final curtain, and burst into tears. The cast gathered round and the audience shook with emotional applause: then suddenly Pierrot advanced with a huge bathsponge and mopped disapprovingly at an imaginary puddle round Cassandra's feet, thus instantly drawing applause and then laughter back to himself.

Gautier recalled sadly: "With Deburau the role of Pierrot grew and expanded until he finished by occupying the whole piece and distorting his own nature till its origins were almost lost. Beneath the flour and smock of the illustrious Bohemian, Pierrot took on masterful airs and inappropriate aplomb. He still delivered his kicks but he received none in return: Arlequin scarcely dared dust his shoulders with the bat, and Cassandra thought twice before landing a clout. He kissed Columbine and wrapped his arms round her waist like a seducer from the Comic Opera. He directed the action just as it suited him, and arrived at a height of insolence and daring that seemed to threaten even his own good genius. . . ."

For one teenage spectator, Henri Rivière, there were openly sadistic moments in Deburau's weird by-play with the *paradis*. Much later he formed his impressions into a brilliant first novella, entitled lightly "*Pierrot*": "The audience would not have been entirely surprised if the bottle which he gave Cassandra marked "laudanum", had really contained poison; or if, when he pretended to shave him on stage, instead of merely making Cassandra shudder with a touch of the cold razor, he had actually opened his throat from ear to ear. . . ."

It happened, finally, in 1836, in the spring. Pierrot killed a man. Or rather, Deburau did.

The transcripts of the trial have survived, and for the first and last time, Pierrot stands forth and speaks to his public. It is a moment of acute human insight, heralded in that curious way by Watteau's unmasking of the White Clown, a century before. On the surface the case was straight forward enough. Evidence was brought before the Assize to show that Deburau and his new wife had been out walking one sunny April afternoon in the suburb of Bagnolet. They were followed by a young apprentice called Nicholas Vielin, who unaccountably began to hurl taunts and insults at them. "*Eh, Pierrot! Eh Paillasse, méchant paillasse, te voilà avec ta margot, ta putain!*" Vielin pursued them along the streets for some time, shouting obscenities at the tall clown. Deburau remained obstinately and ominously silent. Then at last, in a sudden access of rage, he turned, strode back up the road and struck a single blow with his cane. The apprentice collapsed instantly on the cobbles, with a deep wound over his left temple. He died later that evening. He was 17.

Deburau, with his narrow ironic face, and quick blue eyes, came pale and weeping to the witness box. He wore a black suit and waistcoat. He gave his evidence with soft, precise assurance, in a court packed with theatregoers and fashionable ladies.

President of the court: "How were you holding your walking-stick?"

Accused: "By the middle."

"With which end of it did you strike?"

"The small end."

"What was your intention in making use of your cane?"

"I repeat, I had no intention of striking at all."

That crucial evidence regarding the holding of the stick was not pursued. Other damaging evidence was turned adroitly aside.

"Once you realized the victim had died from the blow sustained, did you not instantly exclaim, 'If he's dead, too bad for him. When I'm in a rage, I don't know myself'?"

"No Monsieur. That would not have been possible, since I did not know the young man was dead until the following day."

That non-sequitur was not picked up either.

But perhaps the most telling piece of character evidence came quite by chance, towards the end of the case, in the statement of a defence witness, a M Sartelet, obviously a man of some education. "I then advised Monsieur Deburau to take my address, since I might be of use to him in the affair. I added that it was happy for him I had witnessed the scene, since I could provide a true account of the facts. He replied, 'Ah Monsieur! it is happy for me—but unhappy too. For had you not been there, I would have continued to support those insults in silence. But seeing you there, I couldn't bear the humiliation of being insulted before onlookers any more; and so the unhappy event took place'." (Gasps in court.)

That surely was the evidence of the White Clown himself, the evidence of centuries.

The judge summed up the case favourably to Deburau. Young Vielin had been the aggressor; the provocation had been persistent and extreme; the death resulting from the blow was accidental. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Pierrot received an unconditional discharge and returned to the Funambules.

Yet Pierrot's trial was full of macabre resonances that escaped neither the *canaille*, nor the literary world. Not least was the revelation that Vielin had been a regular follower of Deburau's from the *paradis*, and discussed his performances passionately over the supper-table with his apprentice-master. As Alphonse Karr wrote in Nerval's theatrical magazine, *Le Monde Dramatique*.

"Before the fame brought [by] Janin's book, Deburau [would] never have considered him[self] insulted. He would have put a grimace at his mockers and made them laugh . . . but instead of that, Deburau, [who] has never been seen white-faced except for his first Deburau went white-faced with anger; and with a stroke of his cane he killed a peasant boy that he had probably nearly killed on ten previous occasions with laughter . . . Deburau has become tragic, while murder has become farce."

Deburau himself could hardly avoid making the transfer between the real and the stage world. The theatre historian Paul Hugounet has published what he claimed was a letter of Deburau at this time: "I can't touch a sword anymore without burning my fingers . . . whatever I do to death will always become between me and my public. Whenever I twirl a slapstick on stage against the most believe assailants the spectators will think of Pierrot and *sin* and that will turn the laughter into ice."

Something irrevocable had indeed occurred. Poor Pierrot had killed his fellow man, his brother, his child, his mock. The White Clown had encountered Death. Deburau had brought a tragic presence to the role. The evolution of Pierrot's dramatic character had made one more turn in the folk memory, and gathered one more layer of history symbolism. The naive flour face, the mischievous mock face, now also contained the deathly marble-face: white with anger, white with shock, black with knowledge. Thrown pride perhaps, very human pride, Pierrot had lost his innocence.

The full consequences of this are a matter of theatrical, literary, and perhaps psychological history. The 18[40]s saw the sudden development of an entire pantomime of decadence more conscious and more literary, heavy with political and moral prophecy. The *Marchand d'habits* (1842) in which Pierrot kills an old clothes merchant in order to enter society ball, gradually became Deburau's signature piece, brilliantly analysed by Gautier and a century later superbly mimed by Jean-Louis Barrault in Marcel Carné's celebrated film of the Funambules, *Les Enfants du Paradis* (1945). The *Chand d'habits* was followed by *Pierrot, Valet de la Mort* (1846), *Pierrot Posthume* (1849), *Pierrot posthume* (1850), and many similar black pantomimes. Nerval wrote thoughtfully, and perhaps autobiographically, of Pierrot playing music in the halls of hell. Baudelaire produced strange reflections on the *comique féroce* in a classic essay *The Soul of Laughter* (1855), and George Sand's stage-struck son, Maurice, turned back to Pierrot's pre-lapserian days in the first authoritative history of the Commedia dell'Arte (1860).

But few of these high affairs concerned Deburau then, need concern us now. For this is simply one story of the White Faced Clown, as it happened in Paris. To imagine that Deburau's trial seriously affected his popularity, would be to misunderstand his relations with the *paradis*. On the contrary: six months after his acquittal, Deburau signed a new 10-year contract with the management for an unprecedented fee of 250 francs a month with a 6 per cent pension scheme. He continued to dominate the stage for another nine years at the Funambules, though increasingly racked by asthma, that most psychosomatic of diseases. Accounts tell of him leaning in the wings against the woodland scenery flaps, beating his left side with his fist and gasping for air.

In February, 1846, his fifteenth year, Deburau struck the back of his head badly while plunging down one of the spring-traps to the *trou des dessous*, traditionally associated with Hell in the theatrical world. He replied to George Sand's anxious inquiry on this occasion with his usual flourish: "I do not know what terms to express my appreciation. My pen is my voice on stage, but my heart is like my face." The asthma gained relentlessly on him, and on June 17, 1846, Deburau died at three in the morning.

The young Jules Champfleury had witnessed his last night at the Funambules. They were playing the *Noces de Pierrot*. At the final curtain was Deburau's turn to let fall a single tear which traced a dark line down the white *enfariné*. He left the theatre at midnight by the little side door into the rue Fossés-du-Temple, the white carnation in Pierrot's wedding feast pinned bravely to his dark lapel.

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Watteau's pierrot, Gilles

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Clive Barnes/New York Notebook

A year when art felt the economic pinch

Apart from that Mrs Lincoln, how did you enjoy the play? It was a year in New York where the arts did not exactly predominate. It was a year—and I am still talking about 1975—when New York City almost went down the drain, and yet, this was the irony, one would hardly have noticed it. One read the papers, and watched the television, and certainly many, many people were thrown out of work. But for a lot of New Yorkers the fiscal crisis was not so much illusory as unreal. But it did affect them—not least in the arts.

The only fair way to look back at a year is without reference. What someone remembers is of more value than what someone has looked up, and although 1975 was a stringent year for the arts in New York, it was also a valuable year.

Among films, for example, the big money-spinner was *Jaws*. It is perhaps difficult to imagine why, but it appears that the great American public has for long enjoyed a love-hare relationship with killer sharks. This film cashed in on it. My 12-year-old daughter loved it. But then she has loved every disaster movie since *The Poseidon Adventure*—she even sits up to watch *The Towering Inferno* or *Airport Part Two* (or whatever it is called) on cable television.

For me the best film, by far, was Robert Altman's *Nashville*, an epic view of civilization in decline, together with an almost affectionate glance at America today. There have been many other good films—right at the end of the year we had Stanley Kubrick's *Barry Lyndon*, but undoubtedly one of the major trends of the year was not towards the art film, but towards porno-chic. It could have great repercussions for the industry.

In the world of painting and sculpture no new reputations seem to have been established, but a few have been endorsed. This is a general pattern. The legal suits over the Mark Rothko estate, attempting to establish an objective for measuring the value of a work of art, have proved interesting, as also have the attempts of Rouben Horewitz to campaign for artists to receive, by law, an ongoing percentage on their work. The concept, and it is a very interesting one, is that every time a painting or sculpture by a living artist is sold, the artist receives a percentage of the profit made by the seller.

The rest of the art scene has been dominated by threats from the economy and very interesting exhibitions from abroad. Scythian gold from Russia, romantic painting from France, and a whole caravanserai of Persian art from Iran.

That was the year when music was not exactly the food of love, but more the seed of discontent. Pierre Boulez took his beret out of the ring at the New York Philharmonic and asked that orchestra to seek a new musical director. Leonard Bernstein said that he would not be interested in the actual job—and I am paraphrasing the thoughts of a man I like very much—but he would enjoy having his own thing going, on his own terms, with the orchestra. Meanwhile, Georg Solti has continued to demonstrate that his orchestra, the Chicago Symphony, is arguably the best in the world.

In opera we saw Julius Rudel's New York State Opera moving towards newer concepts of total theatre—any moment now its slide projectionist is going to be more important to it than Beverly Sills. Yet the company is offering a new approach to opera—multi-visual, multi-lateral approach to music, that is bound to create waves in the entire world of opera. Even in the staid ranks of the Metropolitan Opera.

The Met is now under the staid but efficient management of Anthony Bliss, but the two men dedicated to carry it shrieking and screaming into the twentieth-century—or was it the nineteenth-century?— are James Levine and John Dexter. They think alike, talk alike, and, most important, have the same image of opera. Probably no opera house in the world has a better artistic team.

For the theatre the year has been another one of agony—the move from the private to the public sector, the ever-growing emphasis (seen in London) on the institutional rather than the entrepreneurial theatre. Which leads, inevitably, to Joseph Papp, who is the hero-villain of the American theatre. For Joe it was a very mixed year.

He changed his policy at Lincoln Center—sensibly enough—from doing fresh new plays to performing classics. This almost certainly had to be done. New York needs a major classic theatre and the obvious place for it is at Lincoln Center. However, Papp was smart—he took his image of the new theatre to Broadway. And there it died. He had the Booth Theatre for a season, and he produced one play, which was not a very good play, and the financial underpinning of his brave new season subsided.

This was a loss—for Papp offered to Broadway a place for the unexpected and the crippled. But Papp will be back. He is, I sometimes fear, the Hubert Humphrey of the American theatre. Yet Papp has now produced on Broadway the most outstanding show of the year, Michael Bennett's *A Chorus Line*. It is luminous and lights up the town.

Our other institutional theatres have enjoyed a pretty good year. Ted Mann's The Circle In The Square staged a marvellous revival of Arthur Miller's *The Death of a Salesman* starring George C. Scott, but such a production has been typical of a year which has emphasized America's contribution to the theatre.

One of the most surprising elements of the cultural year in New York has been the dominance of Dance. It would be easy to make too much of this. After all many more people go to the movies, certainly watch television, or even go to the theatre, than see Dance. But suddenly, in New York, Dance is the thing that is most talked about. It is, and I hate to say it, the cultural trend.

There could be many reasons for this. The sheer impact of television has probably interested a whole generation of people in the visual image. Dance appears to be the art that is on the brink of people's minds at present. This year Dance has exploded in New York—not simply in opera houses and the state theatre but even on Broadway. Mart Graham has enjoyed a remarkable season at the Mark Hellinger theatre, and the Uris Th[illegible] has played host to a va[illegible] of Dance engagements, including American Ballet [illegible]arre and its host of all-star[illegible]

Dan[illegible] America's growth in the arts—one wonders why. Perhaps it is simply because one talks, and there is the immediacy of unspecified action. Perhaps we have a new art audience in the wo[illegible]—people who want to look at things visually and draw their own intellectual conclusions. For such people Dance has an enormous attraction—[illegible]e are minds nurtured on ge and yet, perhaps starved imagination. Maurice Béjart imed that the twentieth-century was to be the century of ance—he may be coming in [illegible], but he may well be right. f New York is any indication Dance is remarkably, incredibly, and certainly unexpectedly, becoming a major art form. Any day now they will start dancing in the streets.





Pierre Boulez (he took his beret out of the ring) *and Leonard Bernstein—not interested.*

Bridge

Following the simple rules

There is little to choose between basic systems as long as the latest refinements are ignored. Everyone values his hand by counting his honours, even when he also, consciously or unconsciously, adds and subtracts points for cards which gain or lose from their position and from suit distributions.

The beginner undoubtedly profits from using the "big" One Club to show a hand of 17 or more points, for two reasons; he will mentally record from a positive response (ie, any response but One Diamond) on eight points that he is in the game zone, and if his partner makes any other opening bid when he has not the values for a minimum response he will keep out of trouble.

The theory behind the forcing One Club goes back 45 years; when it was subsequently found that the four trick One Club was easily upset by opponents who could afford to make preemptive interventions, the strong One No Trump took its place. The present tendency is to employ a weak opening No Trump (containing not more than one trick above an average hand); partners at duplicate think in terms of defence as much as of attack, and take different chances from the normal risks in a rubber.

Despite the ease with which sound principles are acquired by a player who clings to one basic strong bid, he is never satisfied with such a simple approach. The *Precision* system originally laid down a number of sensible, if artificial, rules; as soon as they were adopted theorists tried to improve on them. Beginners are hopelessly confused by these variations and I shall not discuss them; but there are other basic rules which experts now ignore, such as the need for protection in the suit which will be attacked.

Assume that two players cut together and agree to use standard bids—Two Clubs forcing, Stayman and Blackwood; you will find that, unless they discuss their methods in detail, the influence of match-pointed duplicate pairs will persuade them to reach unsatisfactory contracts in No Trumps. North, holding ♠ A Q 10 2 ♡ 7 3 ◇ K 4 ♣ A K J 10 8, bid his hand in a straightforward way.

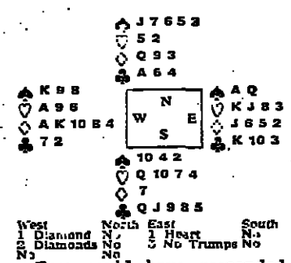
North	East	South	West
1 Club	No	1 Heart	No
1 Spade	No	1 No Trump	No
3 No Trumps	No	No	No

South held ♠ J 6 2 ♡ K Q 9 6 ◇ 10 6 2 ♣ Q 7 3 and went down, losing the first four diamonds and the ♡A—after having guaranteed protection in the red suits.

When North complained because he had not been given a preference response of Two Clubs, he was told that he was not up to date. South quoted from a bidding quiz: "It would be nice to have a stopper in the unbid suit; but you can't be expected to have everything and Two Clubs is not recommended". Of course, North wished to be in game but played by him so that the lead of a diamond came up to his doubleton ◇ K 4. His partner had modelled his bidding on the experts who pay more heed to the level of the response than to a guard in one suit.

Unpretentious club players are surprised when they read of champions who fail to make game in No Trumps where they themselves would find little difficulty. Here is a deal from round 7 of the World Championship 1974, played in the same contract by six declarers two of whom went down.

No score; dealer West.



West	North	East	South
1 Diamond	No	1 Heart	No
2 Diamonds	No	3 No Trumps	No
No	No		

East could have responded Three No trumps to One Diamond because he knew that his partner's point count was limited and that a slam was improbable. However, even with 28 points and a five-card suit he lost five tricks. South led the ♣Q and East won the trick. Perhaps he thought that the ♣Q was led from ♣ A Q J 9 and that he might make the contract if the ◇Q did not fall in the first two rounds. I would not describe the play of the ♣K to the first trick as a mistake, although we know that the clubs are more likely to break 5—3 than 4—4. But I find it curious that West did not reject the bid of Two Diamonds (which suggests a more unbalanced hand) in favour of One No Trump.

So here we are again, with East holding trump support for his partner but careful not to go beyond Three No Trumps, while West feels that he must rebid Diamonds to make plain that he has a five-card suit; West does not bid Two Hearts because he has only three Hearts. With all these arbitrary bidding rules you may wonder whether the system contribute greatly to bridge science and whether card-play does not remain the most important element.

Edward Mayer

Good Food Guide

The culinary gospel spreads into the wilderness

Restaurateurs, like other men who have the choice, prefer to establish themselves not just where the takings are good but where the grass is green, the stone mellow, or the waves sunlit. This, together with the natural optimism of the southern counties (does it even affect bank managers?) probably helps to explain why the annual turnover rate of *Good Food Guide* entries is distinctly faster in the Home Counties and the West than in places where it takes a streak of obstinacy to settle and make a living.

Some people, of course, are individual and volatile enough to upset all statistics, and one such is Jean-Claude Denat, who was mourned by Bristolians when he moved from the Restaurant du Gourmet all the way to Knockinaam Lodge in Wigtownshire a few years ago, and is now being mourned all over again in the Scottish Lowlands, because he and his wife have resettled in the New Forest, half an hour's drive from Southampton (along A 31 to the outskirts of Cadnam). The place does not yet look much from outside, but inside Le Chanteclerc which gives the restaurant its name appears in ornamental form on the mantelpiece, and in edible form on the menu, as a coq au vin done to a recipe which M Denat originally learnt from his first master in Dijon.

It tasted properly Burgundian, too, when a *Guide* inspector tried it recently, and on this and other occasions there have already been approving accounts of other things on the ambitious à la carte menu: onion soup, champignons à l'Armagnac (sauté with chicken livers, 85p), côte de veau vallée d'Auge (£2.45), pommes dauphine, cheesecake with walnuts. Old loyalties, if nothing else, entail wines from Averys, and the warm desire to please that won the Denats so many friends in Bristol has evidently lost nothing in their double migration.

The New Forest has in fact seldom been very lucky in its restaurants, but it has been a land of milk and honey compared with Glastonbury. One correspondent, after a visit to the restaurant in Magdalene Street tersely called No 3 Dining Rooms, even remarks sardonically: "It is fine that the cradle of English Christianity should at long last have a place where the food does not move one to blasphemy." The missionary spirits concerned in this enterprise are George Atkinson (who cooks) and Charles Foden, and like the rough-and-tough Gospellers of a bygone era they pull no punches about the practices of the heathen: "We believe that British ingredients are the best in the world, if not ruined in the preparation. . . . We will not employ any professionals trained in the art of British cuisine, that is, keeping the best food back for themselves and taking the easiest and cheapest way out by using bottled sauces, frozen vegetables and substitutes such as margarine for butter and mineral for olive oil. . . . If for any reason either of us cannot be in the house, we close."

The owners say they do not aspire to haute cuisine, but by the accounts good judges have given of their casserole of pigeon breasts in wine and olives, roast quail with madeira sauce, chocolate truffle dessert, and tart with almonds and cherries, they are being over-modest. They care, too, about cheese and wine. Mature Stilton, carefully bought Gorgonzola, or home-made cream cheese are offered, and so are fairly priced bottles (and half-bottles) from good merchants, not forgetting Muscat de Beaumes de Venise or fine Sauternes to choose from at the dessert stage. The decoration and furniture is in keeping with the character of a Georgian private house.

Sturminster Newton in Dorset, by contrast with Glastonbury, is a quiet country town where few but Thomas Hardy pilgrims penetrate, and where even a single serious eating place, let alone two, could hardly be expected. But Plumber Manor (in the current *Guide*) is now keenly rivalled by the Townhouse, another Georgian building which when the Howells bought it in 1972 did not even have running water.

Like many other people with old places of this kind, they have mended matters gradually, restored their own antiques, and hunted down table settings that match, before opening a restaurant that now surely allows them little time for anything else. For Mrs Howell clearly enjoys cooking dishes that by Dorset standards are unconventional—"We will make a matelote of eels or quenelles of pike when local fishermen bring them in"—as well as alluring local matrons and gentlemen farmers with her rum cake, hazelnut meringue, and peaches in Cointreau.

More than one *Guide* inspector has found first impressions of the little place slightly daunting—"a crepuscular bar, background music, an ambitious or over-described menu"—and as usual in such cases, main courses do not always achieve the same "finish" as the rest. But light and crisp cheese croquettes, juicy noisettes of lamb with a red wine and Cassis sauce, and mushrooms on toast made a very good meal indeed for one visitor, and Mr Howell's active interest in the wine trade is a further bonus. Indeed, another diner "first realized there was more to this place than met the eye when a diffident request for a glass of wine as an aperitif was granted not with a sulphurous Spanish white but with chilled Yugoslav Traminer". Other wines, from Yugoslav Cabernet at under £2 to various Bouzy champagnes at about £7, are also interestingly chosen.

Further west still, at Churchill's in Teignmouth, another migrant chef has found a new niche. William Strafford's work at Dinnent's in Sutton Coldfield was often praised to the *Guide* at the time, and his craftsmanship has impressed early visitors to this upstairs restaurant which he runs with his partner, Antonio Martin, and both their wives. A fellow-chef, though not too forgetful of his calling to omit mention of "tinned peaches for pêche flambée, underripe Brie straight from the fridge, and Burgundy served at about 80 degrees", is also generous enough to describe "extra large prawns with garlic mayonnaise, rib of beef bordelaise complete with bone marrow, and exceptional saddle of hare, sauce grand veneur, with chestnut puree shells, and an apple stuffed with redcurrant jelly".

Others have taken similar pleasure in their meals here, not least in the pan-to-table dishes such as raie au beurre noir that may appear on the short menus for inexpensive set lunches. The food deserves better wines though.

Le Chanteclerc, Romsey Road, Cadnam, Hampshire. Tel. Cadnam 3271. Closed Mon. Meals 12—2, 7—10. Meal with wine, £6. Book.

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ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS.—The Golden Age of Spanish Painting. Until 14 March. Tues.-Fri: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat., Sun., Mon: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Last adm. 45 mins. before closing. Adm. 90p; 50p on Mondays and after 2.30 p.m. on Tues.-Fri. and until 1.45 p.m. on Sun. Students and pensioners half price.

ART EXHIBITIONS

SERPENTINE GALLERY, Kensington Gardens (Mrs. Caulfeild, Drawings of People! US minimalist artists: Sylvester Jacobs' Photographs. To 18 Jan. Daily, 10-4. Adm. free.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, S.W.7. The lands' 20th century landscape photographs. Weekdays: 10.00-17.50. Sundays: 14.30-17.50. Adm. 40p.

WILLIAM DARBY GALLERY
38 New Bond St., W.1. [illegible]
PATRICK SYMONS
Until 23rd January.

EXHIBITIONS

MODEL ENGINEER EXHIBITION, Seymour Hall, Edgware Road, W.1 (Marble Arch). Model Boat [illegible] aircraft, Trains, [illegible] Soldiers, Warfare. Last [illegible] 10th Jan., 10.7 a.m.—7 p.m. Adm. Adult 45p, Child 25p.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

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OPERA AND BALLET

COLISEUM. (01-836 3161)
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
Tonight & Wed. 8 Salome; Thur. 6.30 Siegfried.

COVENT GARDEN. 240 1066
THE ROYAL BALLET
Today 2 & Tue. 7.30 Symphony. The Two Pigeons; Tonight 7.30, Romeo and Juliet; Wed. 7.30 Cinderella. Seats avail. Today 2 & Tue.
THE ROYAL OPERA
Mon. & Fri. 7 Le nozze di Figaro; Thur. 7.30 La Boheme: Some seats available Mon & Fri.
SUNDAY CONCERT
Tomor. at 8 Luciano Pavarotti: Few seats available.

SADLER'S WELLS TH. Rosebery Ave. E.C.1. 837 1672 (Recorded bkg. inf. 278 6450). Until March 20. Evs 7.30 Mats. Weds. & Sats. 2.30. D'OYLY CARTE in GILBERT & SULLIVAN. Today, Mon., Tues., and Wed: Trial by Jury and H.M.S. Pinafore.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL. 928 3191
LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET
THE NUTCRACKER
Last perfs today at 3 and 7.30.

CONCERTS

ST. JOHN'S, SMITH SQUARE, S.W.1
Tuesday, 20th January at 6.45. OPERA ITALIANA incorporating The ROSSINI SOCIETY presents a concert performance of Rossini's
GUGLIELMO TELL
Tickets at £2, £1.50, £1 and 60p. Phone Bookings—834 7651.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC NETWORK
Arts Council of Great Britain

CONTRAPUNCTI
Jan 15 University of Keele
16 North Hykeham School, Lincoln
17 University of Hull
24 Christ's Hospital Arts Centre, Horsham
25 Charterhouse School
26 Luton Music Club
27 Huddersfield Polytechnic
28 The Fratry, Carlisle
29 Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool.

KONTAKTE
Jan 18 University of Southampton
19 University of Nottingham
21 Christ's Hospital Arts Centre, Horsham
22 Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol
23 Bridgwater Arts Centre
28 Humberside Theatre, Hull
29 Tees-side Music Society
30 University of York

For further details please contact Annette Morreau, Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, London W1V 0AU Telephone 01-629 9495

CONCERTS

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Announces the registration of candidates for position as

CO-LEADER of VIOLA SECTION

Candidates are requested to apply in writing to the offices of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, P.O.B. 11292, Tel-Aviv, before February 11, 1976. Curriculum Vitae and orchestral experience to be listed in detail. Applicants will be required to audition, performing solo work and chamber music. Audition details will be sent to suitable candidates.

GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC & DRAMA
Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0AR
Third Year Professional Acting Course
HE WHO GETS SLAPPED
by Leonid Andreyev
produced by Virginia Snyders in the School Theatre at 7 pm. on 28-30 January (Matinee on 30 January at 2.30 pm)
For complimentary tickets send a stamped addressed envelope to the Box Office.

LUNCHTIME MUSIC IN THE CITY
Tuesday 13 Jan., 1.05 to 1.50 p.m. Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, EC2 Admission 30p.
PETER WALLFISCH piano
Beethoven: Sonata in E, Op. 109
Kenneth Leighton: Sonata, Op. 64
Presented by the City Music Society

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Prince Consort Road, S.W.7.
Monday, 12th January at 11.0 a.m.
LECTURE BY JAMES BLADES
"The World of Percussion"

THEATRES

ADELPHI THEATRE. 01-836 7611. Evgs. 7.30. Mat. Thur., Sat. 3.0.
JEAN SIMMONS ANGELA BADDELEY
JOSS ACKLAND in
A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC
"Music that ravishes the senses, show kissed with genius."—Guardian. Seats available for Matinee today.

ALBERY 836 3878. Repertory Season Today at 4.45. Thurs. & Fri. at 8. JANE LAPOTAIRE TIMOTHY WEST PAULINE JAMESON LYNN FARLEIGH
ROOM WITH A VIEW
"Enchanting Evening" Punch
Tonight at 8.15. Mon. Tues and Wed. at 8. Mat. Thurs. at 3.
DOROTHY TUTIN TIMOTHY WEST DEREK JACOBI JOHN TURNER
A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY
"An ECSTATIC EVENING" S. Tel.

THEATRES

ALDWYCH. 836 64[..] Royal Shakesp[eare Company]. 836 5332. Last perfs. today [...] Graham Greene's [...] & 7.30
THE RETU[RN OF] A. J. RA[FFLES] comedy
HENRY V Opens Ja[n ...] (from Jan. 16), [...] Previews ROUNDHOUSE—[...]

AMBASSADORS. 836 11[..]. 8.0. Sat. 5.30, 8.30. [...] Evgs. [...]. 3.30.
HAPPY AS A S[ANDBAG]
THE WONDERFUL H[...]
"All the fun of the F[...]ICAL Super, hilarious, delightful ..." Exp.

APOLLO THEATRE. [...] 2663
RONALD PICKUP
The Award-Winning C[omedy] by ALAN AYCKBOURN
THE NORMAN CONQ[UESTS]
"BEST PLAY OF THE [YEAR]" Evening Standard Drama [Award]
LIVING TOGETHER Today [...] Th. 8.15; R'ND & R'ND THE [GARDEN] Tu. Tnt. 8.30, Wed. 3.0, Fri. 8.15; [TABLE] MANNERS Mon. Wed. 8.15, [...]

CAMBRIDGE. 836 6056. Even[ings ...] Wed. & Sat. 5.0 & 8.[...]0. Michael DENISON, Derek GR[OND]
THE BLACK MIKADO

CASINO THEATRE. 01-437 [...] Twice Daily at 2.30 & 7.[...]
DANNY LA RUE
"Blazes a glamorous trail" E. N[ews]. in QUEEN DANNIELLA
"Big, flashy comedy," Sunday M[irror]. "A lot of fun." Daily Mirror.

COMEDY. 930 2578. Eves. 8, S[at.] at 5.30 & 8.30. Mats. Thur. 3[.0]. FRANCIS MATTHEWS LEIGH LAWSON AMAN[DA] BARR[IE]
A TOUCH OF SPRING
Directed by Allan Davis
"THIS JOYOUS COMEDY." Ev. New[s]

CRITERION. 930 3216. Pic. Circus Evgs. 8.15. Mat. Thur. Sat. 5.00. Season extended. ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD
"Tom Stoppard's superb comedy." FT.

DRURY LANE. 01-836 8108 Eves. 7.30. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2.30
MICHAEL CRAWFORD IN BILLY
A NEW MUSICAL
"MICHAEL CRAWFORD—A WHOPPING, WONDERFUL STAGE STAR. News of the World. "HE AND HIS SHOW ARE A TREAT." S. Express.

DUCHESS. 836 8243. Evenings 8.0. Fri., Sat. 6.15 & 9.0.
OH! CALCUTTA!
NOW IN ITS 6TH YEAR
"Breathtakingly beautiful."—S. Tel. "The nudity is stunning."—D. Tel.

DUKE OF YORKS. 836 5122. Mon. to Thurs. 8. Fri. & Sats. 5.30 & 8.30
LESLIE PHILLIPS, ROY KINNEAR
"Two of the funniest men on the British stage. Laughs come thick and fast."
ROGER'S LAST STAND

DUKE OF YORK'S. 01-836 5123 Richard Goolden, Ian Talbot in
TOAD OF TOAD HALL
Today at 11.0 & 2.0

GARRICK. 01-836 4601. Evgs. 8.15. Mat. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 6.0 & 8.40.
RICHARD BRIERS "Marvellous" Gdn
ABSENT FRIENDS
"ALAN AYCKBOURN'S FINEST FUNNIEST PLAY."—Harold Hobson

GLOBE. 01-437 1592. Evenings 7.30. Matinee Wed., Sat. 3.0
RSC—For 8 WEEKS ONLY
JUDI DENCH IAN McKELLEN
ANNA CALDER-MARSHALL in
TOO TRUE TO BE GOOD
By Bernard Shaw

THEATRES

GREENWICH. 858 7755. Until Jan. 17. Evgs. 7.30. Mat. Sat. 2.30
MAX WALL in KRAPP'S LAST TAPE
"Succeeds superbly." E. News. "Memorable." Gdn.

GREENWOOD. Lon. Bridge. 403 0592 Twice Daily 2.30 & 7.00. Stars of TV's "Black Beauty"
CINDERELLA
£2.00, £1.75, 80p.

HAMPSTEAD. 722 9301. Kroetz's MORECAMBE "a gem." S. Tel. Last Prf. Ton't 7.30. "A winning hand. Tms. Roger McGough's WORD-PLAY. Last Prf. Ton't 9.

HAYMARKET. 930 9832. Evenings 8.0 Mat. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 5.0 & 8.15
Edward Woodward, Geraldine McEwan, Jennie Linden, Edward Hardwicke in Frederick Lonsdale's
ON APPROVAL
"You should rush to see it." D. Tel. "It got my approval." E. News. "An evening of comic delight." Harold Hobson, Sunday Times.

HER MAJESTY'S. 930 6606. Evgs. 8. Mats. Wed. 2.30. Sats. 5.45, 8.30
The New Hit African Musical
IPI TOMBI
"PULSATING MUSICAL." Eve News. "The huge cast is superb." S. Times. THE PERFECT HOLIDAY SHOW

KING'S HEAD. 226 1916. THE BROWNING VERSION by Terence Rattigan & CAROL'S CHRISTMAS by Frank Marcus. Evs. 8. Dinr. Opt. 7.

KING'S ROAD THEATRE. 352 7488. Mon. to Th. 9.0. Fri., Sat. 7.30, 9.30
THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW
"Best MUSICAL OF THE YEAR" —Evening Standard Drama Award.

LITTLE ANGEL MARIONETTE THEATRE
14 Dagmar Passage, N.1. 01-226 1787
Sat. January 10, 11 a.m. THE JALOPY SHOW
Sat. January 10, 3 p.m. [AM]AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS
Sat. January 10, 5 p.m. [AM]AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS
Sun. January 11, 3 p.m. [AM]AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

[LYRI]C IN REPERTORY. 437 3686. [Ev]s 8.0 & 8.30. Mon., Tues., Wed. 8.0. Matinee Wed. 3.0. [...]5.0 & 8.30. Mat. Wed. 3.0. [JOAN] PLOWRIGHT, HELEN MIRREN, [...] MOFFATT, FRANK GRIMES [...] BED BEFORE YESTERDAY [Th]ur. Jan. 15 to Wed. Jan. 21 THE SEA GULL

MA[Y FAI]R. 493 2031. Last day. [PET]TY'S CHRISTMAS SHOW La[st pe]rfs. today 10.30, 2.0, 4.0.

MER[MAI]D. 248 7656. Food 248 2835. Until January 17 Daily [...] & 5.0. Sat. 2.0 5.0. 8.15 [...] D'Abo, William Rushton
[GU]LLIVER'S TRAVELS
Opens [J]an. 20. Prev. Jan 21. RICHA[RD] BECKINSALE in FUNNY PECULI[AR] An outrageous new comedy by Mike [Stott].

NEW [LON]DON. 405 0072. Until Jan 24. [...] 2.30, 5.30, Sat. 2.0, 5.0. 8.0 SPIKE M[ILL]IGAN, BERNARD MILES in Mermaid Theatre's Award-winning Production of
TR[EA]SURE ISLAND

NEW LOND[ON]. 01-405 0072. Jan 15, 16, 17, 21, [2]2, 23, 24, at 8.30. Jan. 31, Feb 7 [at] 8.0.
BR[UC]E FORSYTH
in his own [o]ne man ' laughter show

NEW VICTOR[IA]. 01-834 0671. Mon. to Fri. [2.]30 & 7.30. Sat. 2.30 & 7.30. UN[TIL] JANUARY 15. All Star Cast in [Lon]don's Big Pantomime.
[AL]ADDIN

THEATRES

OLD VIC. NATIONAL THEATRE 928 7616. Prevs. Today 3.15, Ton't Mon. & Tue. 7.30. Opns Wed. at 7.0. Thur. 3.15 & 7.30:
PLUNDER
by Ben Travers
Friday at 7.0:
HAMLET
Some seats hold for sale day of performance from 10 a.m.

OPEN SPACE. 580 4970. Tmg. m'ship THE SHREW (Tues.-Wed. 8.0): ARTAUD AT RODEZ by Charles Marowitz "A dazzling show" Gdn. (Thur., Fri., Sat., Sun. 8.0).

PALACE. 437 6834. Mon. to Th. 8.0. Fri., Sat. 6.0 & 8.40.
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

PALLADIUM. 01-437 7373 Twice Daily at 2.45 & 7.30. LULU, RON MOODY, RACHEL GURNEY in
PETER PAN

PALLADIUM. 01-437 7373 Opens February 2 for 3 weeks:
SHIRLEY MacLAINE
Box Office Now Open.

PHOENIX. 836 8611. Ends today. A. A. Milne's WINNIE THE POOH. Last perfs. today 11 & 2.0.

PHOENIX THEATRE SEASON 1976 January 21 for 8 weeks only
ROCK HUDSON JULIET PROWSE
"I DO! I DO!"
Previews Jan. 17, 19, 20 at 8.0. Opens Jan. 21 at 7.0. Subs. Nightly 8.0. Mat. Thur. Sat. 3.0. Tel: 01-836 8611.

PICCADILLY. (437 4506) Mon.-Thur. 8, Fri. & Sat. 6, 8.40
KWA ZULU
"Probably the most compulsively enjoyable musical show in London." F.T. "A joyous occasion indeed." S. Exp.

PICCADILLY. 437 4506. Last perfs Today at 11 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. CHARLES DICKENS
CHRISTMAS CAROL
The story of Scrooge

PRINCE OF WALES. 01-930 8681 Evgs. 8.0. Fri., Sat. 5.30 & 8.30
HARRY SECOMBE
"Lovable, clowning, excellent singing" Mr. in THE PLUMBER'S PROGRESS

QUEEN'S. 01-734 1166. Evenings 8.0. Mat. Thur. 3.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. ALAN BATES in
OTHERWISE ENGAGED
A new play by SIMON GRAY
Directed by HAROLD PINTER

RAYMOND REVUEBAR THEATRE 734 1593. At 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m. PAUL RAYMOND presents
THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA '76
NOW OPEN ON SUNDAY

REGENT. 323 2707. Evenings 8.30 Fri. Sat. 7.0 & 9.15
2ND YEAR OF SENSATIONAL STAGE SHOW OF THE SEVENTIES
LET MY PEOPLE COME
AN ADULT MUSICAL
"Never a dull moment."—E. News. 100 tickets held for sale at door.

ROUND HOUSE. 267 2564. Prevs. Today, 5 & 8.30, Mon.-Wed., 8. Opens Thur. 7.30. Subs. 8. Thu. & Sat. 5 & 8.30. RSC present THE IK, dir. by Peter Brook. "DOWNSTAIRS"—HAMLET & MAN IS MAN. Previews from Thurs. at 7.30 p.m.

ST. MARTIN'S. 836 1443. Evgs. 8. Mats. Tues. 2.45. Sats. 5 & 8. AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
THE MOUSETRAP
WORLD'S LONGEST-EVER RUN 24th YEAR

THEATRES

SAVOY. 836 8888. Evenings at 8. Mats. Wed. at 3.30 & Sat. at 5. Barbara MULLEN and Derek BOND in AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
MURDER IN THE VICARAGE

SHAFTESBURY. 836 6596. Evgs. 7.30 Matinee Wed., Sat. 3.0
ARTHUR LOWE
JOHN LE MESURIER, CLIVE DUNN in
DAD'S ARMY
"Funny and touching ... total artistic success."—Sunday Times.

SHAW. 01-388 1394. Final Day. KIDNAPPED AT CHRISTMAS by WILLIS HALL. Last perfs. today 2.0 & 5.0. "I laughed as much as the kids." F.T.

STRAND. 836 2660. Evgs. 8.0 Mats. Thurs. 3.0, Sat. 5.30 & 8.30
DORIS HARE
Richard CALDICOT, Andrew SACHS
NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH
Directed by Allan Davis
LONDON'S LONGEST LAUGH 5th Year

THEATRE ROYAL, STRATFORD. 815. 01-534 0310. Evs 8. Mat. Thu. 2. "Peter Bayliss bestrides the stage like a genial colossus." E. News.
NICKLEBY & ME!
A New Dickens Musical for all the family.

VAUDEVILLE. 836 9988. Evgs. 8. Mats. Tues. 2.45. Sats. 5 & 8.
Margaret LOCKWOOD
Paul DANEMAN & Barrie INGHAM
DOUBLE EDGE
"SUPERB ... the cleverest who-dun-it I have seen for years." D. Tel.

VICTORIA PALACE 834 1317 Evgs. 8.0. Wed., Sat. 6.0 & 8.45
MIKE YARWOOD
in "THE TIME OF YUR LIFE" "... greatly enjoyable revue."—Exp.

WEMBLEY EMPIRE POOL. 902 1234 Mon. to Fri. 7.45. Mats. Weds & Thurs. at 3. Sats. at 2, 5, and 8. MUSICAL SPECTACULAR ON ICE
DICK WHITTINGTON
Children and OAP's ½ price most perfs. Ample parking. Pay at doors.

WESTMINSTER. 834 0283 Evgs 7.30. Wed. & Sat. 2.30. Chichester Festival Theatre Production A NEW CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
FOLLOW THE STAR
"The Perfect Family Show." S. Exp.

WHITEHALL. 930 6692/7765 Last perfs. today 6.15 & 8.45.
WHAT THE BUTLER SAW
"FUNNIEST PLAY IN LONDON."—Vogue. MUST END TODAY.

WINDMILL THEATRE. 437 6312 PAUL RAYMOND presents
LET'S GET LAID
2nd SENSATIONAL YEAR
Twice nightly at 7.0 & 9.0

WYNDHAMS. 836 3028 Mon.-Fri. 8. Sats. 5 & 8
JOHN GIELGUD RALPH RICHARDSON
National Theatre Production
HAROLD PINTER'S NO MAN'S LAND
Directed by PETER HALL
"GREAT ACTING AT ITS HIGHEST PITCH." E.N. Last 3 wks. From 27 Jan.
COMEDIANS
By Trevor Griffiths. "The most exciting Play in London."—S. Times.

YOUNG VIC (by Old Vic). 928 6363. Tdy. 2.30 p.m. FANTASTIC FAIRGROUND for families & children; 8.15 p.m. ALL WALKS OF LEG (from JOHN LENNON). "T'was brilliant ..." Guardian. Hilarious ... Times. Mon. 8. OTHELLO. Tue., Wed., Thu. 8 CHARLEY'S AUNT.

THEATRES

YOUNG VIC STUDIO. 928 6363. Jan. 14th & 15th, Arrabal's THE ARCHITECT & THE EMPEROR OF ASSYRIA 80p.

TALK OF THE TOWN. 01-734 5051. From 8.15. Dng. & Dcg. at 9.30 New Revue SWEET TEMPTATION and at 11 p.m.
DUKES & LEE

CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2, Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861. Sep. Perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. 1: BARRY LYNDON (A) Wk. & Sun.: 3.25, 7.55. Late show Tonight 11.30. 2: DOG DAY AFTERNOON (X) Wk. & Sun.: 2.00, 5.15, 8.15. Late show Tonight 11.15 (Last 5 days).

ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. Joan Micklin Silver's HESTER STREET (U). Progs. 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35.

ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Miklos Jancso's ELEKTREIA (X) and Bela Bartok's THE MIRACULOUS MANDARIN (A). 2.40, 4.45, 6.50, 9.0.

ACADEMY THREE. 437 8819. Marcel Carne's LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (A). Show times 4.45, 8.00.

COLUMBIA, Shaftesbury Ave. 734 5414. James Caan ROLLERBALL (AA). Sep. perfs. Wk. 2.00, 5.00, 8.00. Sun. 5.00, 8.00. Late show Sat. 11.00.

CURZON, Curzon St., W.1. 499 3737. Peter Falk, Gena Rowlands in John Cassavetes's A WOMAN UNDER THE INFLUENCE (AA). Film at 2.30, 5.30, 8.15. Late show Sat. 11 p.m. "Cassavetes' most important movie to date." Sunday Telegraph. "Gena Rowlands's performance is worthy of an Oscar." Daily Express.

EMPIRE, Leicester Square. 437 1234. ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH (AA). Progs. Daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.30 p.m. Sep. Perfs. All seats bookable.

GATE CINEMA, Nott. Hill. 727 5750. FASSBINDER'S "FOX" (X) 1.30, 3.45, 6.25, 9. THE SERVANT (X) & PIT & PENDULUM (X). 11.15 p.m.

ICA, Mall. 930 6393. 5.0. Renoir's REGLE DU JEU (A)/7.0 Truffaut's 400 BLOWS (A)/9.0 Malle's DEAREST LOVE (X).

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252). THE RETURN OF THE PINK PANTHER (U). Cont. progs. Mon.-Fri. 1.00, 3.00, 5.35, 8.10. Sat. 12.20, 3.00, 5.35, 8.10. Sun. 3.00, 5.35, 8.10. Circle seats may be booked.

ODEON, LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111). THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING (A). Cont. progs. 2.10, 5.00, 7.50. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.15.

ODEON, HAYMARKET (930 2738/2771). Dustin Hoffman "LENNY" (X). Sep. progs. Wk. 2.00, 5.15, 8.30. Sun. 4.30, 8.30. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. All seats may be booked.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011/2). The Newest and Greatest Musical Cartoon Feature HUGO THE HIPPO (U). Sep. progs. Wk. 1.15, 4.30, 8.00. Sun. 4.30, 8.00. All seats may be booked.

ODEON, ST. MARTIN'S LANE—HOME OF DISNEY MOVIES—THE JUNGLE BOOK (U). For info. 240 0071. Box Office 836 0691. Sep. progs. Wk. 2.30, 5.45, 8.45. Feature 3.05, 6.20, 9.20. Sat. progs. 11.15 a.m., 2.30, 5.45, 8.45. Sun. progs. 2.45, 5.55, 8.45. Bkble.

PARIS PULLMAN, Sth. Ken. 373 5898. Herzog's ENIGMA OF KASPAR HAUSER (A). Pgs. 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

PHOENIX, Opp. East Finchley Station. 883 2233 KONFRONTATION: Assassination in Davos (A). Pgs. 2.05, 4.20, 6.15, 8.30. Special Family Mat. Perf. today at 3.00 p.m. GULLIVER'S TRAVELS (U).

CINEMAS

PLAZA 1, 2, 3, Regent St., S.W.1. 839 6494. Sep. Perfs. All seats bookable. Box Office 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (not Suns.). No phone bookings.
1. JAWS (A). Daily: 1st perf. 1.00, 2nd perf. 3.30, 3rd perf. 6.00, 4th perf. 8.30. Late Night Show Fri. & Sat. 11.15.
2. JAWS (A). Daily: 1st perf. 2.00, 2nd perf. 4.30, 3rd perf. 7.00, 4th perf. 9.30. Late Night Show Fri. & Sat. 11.15.

PRINCE CHARLES, Leic. Sq. 437 8181 2nd Great Year EMMANUELLE (X). Sep. perfs. dly. (inc. Sun.), 3.45, 6.15, 9.0. Lte. show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. Seats bkble. Lic'd bar.

RITZ, Leicester Sq. 437 1234. 3 DAYS OF THE CONDOR (AA). Progs. Daily 1.45, 5.50, 6.10, 8.30. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.30 p.m.

SCENE 1, 2, 3, 4, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470.
SCENE 1. Cont. Dly. 12.30. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. Ken Russell's LISZTOMANIA (X). Progs. 12.30, 2.20, 4.45, 7.05, 9.25. Lte. show Fri. & Sat. 11.45.
SCENE 2. 2nd YEAR. THE EXORCIST (X). Directed by William Friedkin. Sep. Perfs. Dly. 12.30, 3.00, 6.15, 9.00. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.30.
SCENE 3. THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. Perfs. Dly. 3.00, 5.20, 8.40. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45.
SCENE 4. Cont. Dly. 1.00. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 12.00. Ken Russell's TOMMY (AA). Progs. 1.00, 3.45, 6.30, 9.15. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 12.00.

WARNER WEST END Tel.: 439 0791. Leicester Square. Sep. progs.
1: THE COUNSELLOR (X). Sep. progs. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Sat. 11.00.
2: BARRY LYNDON (A) a film by STANLEY KUBRICK starring RYAN O'NEAL, MARISA BERENSON. Sep. progs. Dly. 3.15, 7.30. Late show Sat. 11.20. All seats may be booked.
3: Dirk Bogarde, Ava Gardner PERMISSION TO KILL (AA). Sep. progs. 2.50, 5.50, 8.50. Late show Sat. 11.30. All seats may be booked.
4: AL PACINO in DOG DAY AFTERNOON (X). Cont. progs. 2.15, 5.0, 7.50. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.00.

ART EXHIBITIONS

BRITISH MUSEUM. THRACIAN TREASURES FROM BULGARIA. On loan from the People's Republic of Bulgaria. Until 28 March. TURNER WATERCOLOURS. Until 1 Feb. Wkdys. 10-5. Suns. 2.30-6. Adm. Free.

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Broadcasting Saturday

Out of the ordinary. Tom Wolfe reinforces Melvyn Bragg as 2nd House explores our linguistic debt to the United States (BBC2 9.0). Rare Joss Ackland joins much-seen Patricia Hayes in a little drama for Centre Play (BBC2 10.30). Young film makers offer a lucky dip (BBC2 11.0).—L.B.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Bagpuss. 9.15, Jeannie. 9.35, Whirlybirds.* 10.00, Laurel and Hardy. 10.25, On the Move. 10.35, Bewitched. 11.00, The Little House on the Prairie. 11.50, Slap Happy, a Mack Sennett comedy.* 12.00, Magic Movie Moments.* 12.15 pm, Grandstand: 12.20, Football Focus; 12.50, 1.25, 1.50, Racing from Haydock; 1.10, Skiing from Wengen; 1.40, 3.50, Table Tennis from Brighton; 2.10, Rugby: Scotland v France; 4.35, Final Score. 5.05, Disney's the Mouse Factory.
5.30 News.
5.45 Dr Who.
6.10 It's Cliff—and Friends.
6.45 Film: It Happened at the World's Fair, with Elvis Presley.
8.30 Look—Mike Yarwood.
9.00 Kojak.
9.50 News.
10.00 Match of the Day.
11.00 Parkinson.
12.00 Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES.—9.35-10.00 am, Telihant. Midnight. News for Wales. SCOTLAND.—4.55-5.05 pm, Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45, Scoreboard. 10.00-10.40, Sportscene. 10.30-11.00, Songs of Scotland. Midnight. Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND.—4.55-5.05 pm, Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45, Northern Ireland News. Midnight, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

HTV

10.00 am, Parents' Day. 10.30, Sesame Street. 11.30, Black Beauty. 12.00, Supersonic. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Daffy Duly. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Yus Honestly. 7.00, Celebrity Squares. 7.45, Film: Marlon Brando, Richard Boone and Rita Moreno in The Night of the Following Day. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 6.30-7.00 pm, Stwn a Stan.

Scottish

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.30, Skiing with Gina. 11.00, Felix the Cat. 11.10, Animated Classics: The Three Musketeers. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Without a Song. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Yus M'Dear. 7.00, Celebrity Squares. 7.45, Film: Living It Up, with Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Janet Leigh. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35-12.30 am, Police Story.

Anglia

9.00 am, London. 9.50, Checkmate. 10.15, Pinkie. 10.30, Hammy Hamster. 10.45, Rainbow Country. 11.10, Clapperboard. 11.35, Tarzan. 12.30 pm, London. 5.45, The Flintstones. 6.15, London. 7.45, Film, House of Bamboo, with Robert Ryan, Robert Stack, Cameron Mitchell. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Russell Harty. 12.20 am, At the End of the Day.

Yorkshire

9.20 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.30, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 10.55, Pipet. 11.00, Baldmoney. 11.10, Daniel Boone. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Yus My Dear. 7.45, Film: The Night of the Following Day, with Marlon Brando, Richard Boone. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-12.25 am, The Collaborators.

Border

9.20 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.30, Dodo. 10.35, Paulus. 10.45, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 11.10, Daniel Boone. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Border Sports Results. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Yus My Dear. 7.45, Film: The Purple Plain with Gregory Peck. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-11.55, The Protectors.

BBC 2

3.10 pm, Film: Desert Legion, with Alan Ladd, Richard Conte, Arlene Dahl. 4.35, Play Away. 5.05, Money Programme. 5.50, Network, from BBC East: In a Country Churchyard. 6.20, In Company: Cleo Laine and John Dankworth.
6.45 News.
7.00 Rugby: Scotland v France.
8.05 How Green Was My Valley, with Stanley Baker, Sian Phillips: Part 2.
9.00 2nd House: A Common Tongue.
10.00 Out of the Trees, with Graham Chapman.
10.30 Play: You Talk Too Much, by Tim Aspinall.
11.00 The First Picture Show.
11.30 News.
11.35-12.55 am, Film: On Dangerous Ground, with Robert Ryan, Ida Lupino.*

ATV

9.15 am, Plain Sailing. 9.40, Parents' Day. 10.10, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.45, New Faces. 6.45, Six Million Dollar Man. 7.45, Film: SWAT, with Steve Forrest, Leslie Nielsen. 9.30, London. 10.45, Aquarius. 11.30-12.00, ATV Today Pick of the Week.

Southern

9.15 am, Angling. 9.40, ATV. 10.10, Weather. 10.15, Feline Frame Up. 10.25, Supersonic. 10.50, Rainbow Country. 11.20, Daniel Boone. 12.15 pm, Southsport. 12.30, London. 5.35, Sale of the Century. 6.05, The Magician. 7.00, Celebrity Squares. 7.45, Film: Fireball Forward, with Ben Gazzara, Ricardo Montalban, Eddie Albert. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Southern News. 11.35, Griff. 12.30 am, Weather. Guideline.

Granada

9.15 am, Angling. 9.40, Parents' Day. 10.10, The Beatles. 10.25, Cartoon. 10.45, Film, Kid Galahad, with Elvis Presley. 12.30, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Yus, My Dear. 7.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.45, The Night of the Following Day, with Marlon Brando. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-1.05, Film, Inside Detroit.*

Tyne Tees

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.25, Skiing with Gina. 10.50, Hammy Hamster. 11.05, Opportunity. 11.10, Daniel Boone. 12.00, Indoor League. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Yus M'Dear. 7.45, Film: Night of the Following Day, with Marlon Brando. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, The Collaborators. 12.25 am, Epilogue.

London Weekend

9.00 am, Angling. 9.25, Parents' Day. 9.45, Saturday Scene. 9.50, The Beachcombers. 10.20, The Count of Monte Cristo. 10.45, Junior Police Five. 11.00, Run, Joe, Run! 11.30, Space 1999. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, World Cup Skiing. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30, Sandown; 1.45, Market Rasen; 2.00, Sandown; 2.15, Market Rasen; 2.30, Sandown; 2.45 Market Rasen; 3.00, Sandown. 3.10, Showjumping, the Martell International. 3.50, Half-Time Round-Up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.05 News.
5.15 Return to the Planet of the Apes.
5.45 Supersonic.
6.15 New Faces.
7.15 Sale of the Century.
7.45 Film: Caprice (1967), with Doris Day, Richard Harris.
9.30 The Best of Upstairs, Downstairs.
10.30 News.
10.45 Thick as Thieves.
11.15 Film, Cutter (1971), with Peter DeAnda, Cameron Mitchell.
12.30 Songs of the City.

Westward

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.30, Sesame Street. 11.25, Look and See. 11.30, Planet of the Apes. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Space 1999. 6.15, London. 7.45, Film: Hell and High Water, with Richard Widmark, David Wayne. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, The Evil Touch, 12.00, Faith for Life.

Grampian

10.25 am, Film: Oliver Twist. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30, London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Yus My Dear. 7.45, Film: Night of the Following Day, with Marlon Brando, Richard Boone. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Prayers.

Ulster

10.30 am, Planting for Pleasure. 11.00, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, The Brady Bunch. 5.45, London. 7.45, Film: The Pigeon That Took Rome, with Charlton Heston, Elsa Martinelli.* 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-12.00, The Protectors.

Radio

1
6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 8.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Rosko. 1.00 pm, Martha Reeves's Top Twelve.† 2.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00, Paul Gambaccini.† 6.30, In Concert.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.30, Musical World of Peter Morrison.† 9.02, Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Hits of Europe '75.† 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Alan Dell. 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester. 12.02 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, Roy Castle. 1.30-5.55, Sport (1500m) including football; Rugby, Scotland v France; Racing from Sandown: 5.00, Sports Report. 6.03, Star Sound (1500m). 7.02, The Navy Lark (1500m). 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, The Young Idea: La Chasse.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review. 10.15, Stereo Release.* 11.15, Margaret Price (song recital): Verdi, Granados, Turina, Rodrigo, Obradors.† 12.02 pm, Robin Ray.† 12.55, News. 1.00, Foreign Press Review. 1.15, Haydn and Brahms.† 2.15, Man of Action: Sir Arnold Weinstock.† 3.35, Rossini, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Sibelius. 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.* 5.45, The Far Off and the Near: England, 1770-1842.†

6.45, Classical Guitar: Winners of international competition in Toronto. 7.35, Was Freud a Scientist? 8.00, Salome: music-drama by Richard Strauss. 9.45, Critics' Forum. 10.45, Moritz Rosenthal Concert: Chopin. 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30, Talking Politics. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, Radio 3. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions? 2.00, Weekend. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Who Killed Peter's Beetle. 3.35, Radio 3. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Robert Robinson. 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, Richard Baker. 8.30, Play: A Swim off the Island. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15-11.35, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore forecast.

BBC Radio London, local and national news, entertainment, sport, music. 94.9 VHF, 206 M.
London Broadcasting, news and information station, 97.3 VHF, 261 M.
Capital Radio, 24-hour music, news and features station. 95.8 VHF, 194 M.

RADIO

Oh, What a Start!

If Radio 4 carries on as it began at approximately half a minute past midnight on January 1, I shall take to reviewing the TV commercials as a higher form of intellectual exercise. It is hard to image the level of performance on which *Start the Year with Richard Baker* was not a horrible disgrace. "Lame" is the word, I think; nobody had anything to say that was worth the effort of writing down, except for one individual—luckily for him I have forgotten who it was—and he may now be wishing he had connected brain to mouth before speaking. In what he intended to be a eulogy for Vera Lynn (who as Dame Vera was attending this macabre function), he recalled that at the sound of her voice "strong men quailed". He'll be glad to know that I quailed at the sound of his—no eulogy intended.

That the effect of *Start the Year* was so abysmal may be explained by the fact that several members of the team had been rehearsing in the closing hour of the year before. I find it difficult to believe, but in the manner of show-biz—"It'll be all right on the night"—the rehearsal was actually worse than the first performance. As everybody concerned was at tedious pains to insist, 1975 was a pretty dire year. *Stop the Year* provided an entirely fitting crown.

There was no credit—if that is the right expression—for producing the *Stop* part of this affair, but Michael Ember's name appeared beneath the *Start*. It's a bit of a relief then to be able to say that his work on *Mr and Mrs Parkinson* was unexpectedly agreeable. Hope could hardly have run high: here was radio yet again picking up the crumbs from the television banquet and on top of that the trade description made you pause: "Mike and Mary take a lively look around and meet other well-known couples in a medley of words and music."

The goods, thank God, were not as per description in the least: not a medley in sight; signature tune to open and to close and in between with Mike and Mary not couples, but a couple. Singular. Very singular: Malcolm and Kitty Muggeridge uninterrupted for a full three quarters of an hour. At this length, and particularly by the standards of Radio 4, it is possible to have something like a conversation, one which sets its own subject matter and momentum. This one certainly did, although you might reflect that it could hardly come adrift, for if all else fails the Muggeridge (male) nerve does not. Your generation, he opined—patting young Michael on the head—has been brainwashed into its views. And what about the generations antecedent? They couldn't have been brainwashed, could they, because the word did not exist? No word, no process. It's common knowledge.

Another newcomer almost immediately following also provided a rather pleasurable occasion. *Quote ... Unquote*, devised and presented by Nigel Rees, is another sort of parlour game, one built round the ability of a team to recognize and muck about with the quotations of the great. Last week's contenders—Ned Sherrin, Richard Boston, Tom and Miriam Stoppard—were pretty sharp and generated a good deal of mirth. John Lloyd produced, and this is perhaps the place to add that Mr Lloyd is also responsible for *Just a Minute* on which last September I committed what he may possibly have regarded as an unprovoked assault. The point is this—and *Quote ... Unquote* makes it clear: the new show, partly just by being new, has some life to it. In the comparison it is really impossible to overlook the fact that *Just a Minute* is dead on its feet. The only blame for this attached to Mr Lloyd would be if he were wilfully propping up the corpse. If the BBC is still running *Quote ... Unquote* n years from now that too will be defunct.

What with Christmas and the New Year, it is quite a while since I dipped the scratchy quill in bat's blood and a great deal has passed without notice, some of which ought to be recorded: Don Haworth's *Memories of a Childhood Friendship* was very good and Bernard Cribbins read it beautifully. *The Bells of Europe*, heard under adverse conditions on a motorway, nevertheless made a formidable impression. Olwen Wymark's play *The 22nd Day*, by good writing and imaginative use of radio conveyed most tellingly the sense of being mad. *The Mediocrity of Women* was an interesting attempt by Elizabeth Gard to bring together what scientific findings there are and a mix of views in order to discover what really are the factors which make women perform differently from men.

Two of these programmes anyway remind us that the coin of their virtue has another side. Who in British radio is making programmes like *The Bells of Europe*? *The Mediocrity of Women* is a rare exception to radio's persistent disregard for what I see as a broadcasting responsibility: to bring together from time to time such knowledge, such intelligent speculation and opinion as can be found in as many fields of inquiry as possible.

Next week: try on R3 *Ecstasy and the Secular Society* (Sunday and Thursday), Christopher Whelen as composer and playwright of *Bridges* (Tuesday). Helen Hanff's charming *84 Charing Cross Road* (Thursday); Radio 4 has *Period Piece* (Friday) by the pseudonymous E. H. Hendry whose *End of Term* made me laugh. A new series of *My Music* is back (Tuesday) but devotees of this, one of the better-class panel games, won't need reminding.

David Wade

Sunday

Special occasions. Jack Rosenthal writes the first of a new series of plays that feature people at high moments in their lives (ITV 10.0). Harold Williamson visits Wells (BBC1 3.25). There is Mozart from Amsterdam (BBC2 8.45). That cowboy cop is back with Junior playing the villain (ITV 7.55).—L.B.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30, Camberwick Green. 9.45, Trade Union Studies. 10.10, Ensemble. 10.35, Peter Donaldson's Illustrated Economics, part 1: Fuelling Inflation—Miners or Sheiks? 11.00, Seeing and Believing. 11.45, The 60, 70, 80 Show. 12.10 pm, Avventura. 12.35, Women at Work. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Parents and children. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film: Lone Star, with Clark Gable, Ava Gardner, Broderick Crawford, Lionel Barrymore, Beulah Bondi.* 3.25, Home Town. 3.55, Cartoon. 4.00, Billy Smart's Children's Circus. 4.55, The Prince and the Pauper. 5.25, Holiday '76.
5.55 News.
6.05 On the Move.
6.15 Anno Domini.
6.55 Songs of Praise from St Thomas's Roman Catholic Church, Canterbury.
7.25 Poldark.
8.15 Film: The Man Outside, with Van Heflin, Peter Vaughan, Charles Gray, Heidelinde Weis.
9.50 News.
10.00 That's Life.
10.40 Read all About It.
11.10 Politics Now: LOSLA? part 2.
11.40-11.42, Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES: 9.30-9.45 am, Watch with Mother. 1.55-2.40 pm, Ellery Queen Whodunit. 2.40-4.00, Sports Line-up: Rugby, Milford Haven v Ebbw Vale, highlights; Pursuit Rallying. 10.40-11.10, Y Celtiaid. 11.40, News for Wales. SCOTLAND: 1.00-1.25 pm, Farm Forum. 11.40, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND: 11.40 pm, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

Southern

10.00 am, London. 11.27, Weather. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Arthur. 1.35, London. 3.05, The World at War. 4.05, Bridget Loves Bernie. 4.30, Southern News. 4.35, New Faces. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: There was a Crooked Man, with Kirk Douglas, Henry Fonda. 9.35, Cartoon. 9.45, London. 11.00, Homicide. 11.55, Weather, Guideline.

Border

10.00 am, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Border Diary.* 1.15, Cartoon. 1.20, Farming. 2.00, Football. 3.00, World at War. 4.00, Film: Death Drums Along the River, with Richard Todd. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Sale of the Century. 7.55, Film: The Impossible Years, with David Niven. 9.45, London. 11.00-11.55, Farouk—Last of the Pharaohs.

HTV

10.00 am, London. 11.00, ATV. 11.30, The Geordie Scene. 12.00, London. 1.05 pm, The Amazing Chan. 1.35, Farming. 2.05, London. 3.05, The World at War. 4.05, Film, Richard Burton and Joan Collins in Sea Wife. 5.35, The Georgian House. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film, Joanna Shimkus and Franco Nero in The Virgin and the Gypsy. 9.45, London. 11.00, ATV. 11.30, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.05-1.35 pm, University Challenge. 1.35-2.05, Farming. 6.35-6.50, Hyn O Hanes. 11.00-12.10 am, Edmund Kean. The Sun's Bright Child. 12.10 am, Weather.

Anglia

10.00 am, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Cartoon. 1.25, Weather. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Match of the Week. 2.50, The Magician. 3.50, ATV. 5.05, London. 11.00, Police Story. 11.55, Your Choice.

Ulster

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Checkmate. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Cartoon. 1.35, London. 3.05, Animated Classics: Oliver Twist. 3.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: Heller in Pink Tights, with Sophia Loren, Anthony Quinn. 9.10, Sports Results. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00-11.30, Skiing with Gina.

BBC 2

12.15 pm, Open University. Introductory programme for new students. 12.40-1.05, Use Your Head. 3.30, The Unanswered Question. Leonard Bernstein on Musical Semantics. 5.55, A Third Testament with Malcolm Muggeridge. Part 2: Blaise Pascal.
6.50 News Review.
7.25 The World About Us. Dr Sung-Yang Lee, Film-maker entomologist.
8.15 M*A*S*H.
8.45 EUROVISION concert from Amsterdam. Concertgebouw Orchestra play Mozart, Ravel.
9.50 We British.
10.40 Film: Les Bas Fonds, with Louis Jouvet, Jean Gabin, Suzy Prim.*
12.10-12.15 Leslie Sands reads Grave by the Sea, by Charles Causley.

Yorkshire

9.45 am, Chess Masterpieces.* 10.00, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, Calendar Sunday. 2.05, Football Special. 3.00, Film: Virgin Island, with John Cassavetes, Virginia Maskell, Sidney Poitier. 4.35, World at War. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, McMillan and Wife. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00-11.55, The Streets of San Francisco.

Granada

9.30 am, Wild Australia. 10.00, London. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Beachcombers. 12.00, London. 1.10, Count of Monte Cristo. 1.40, London. 2.10, Kick-off Match. 3.15, Film, Offbeat. 4.35, World at War. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film. Indict and Convict. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Granada Profile. 11.30-12.30, Griff.

Westward

10.00 am, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.05 pm, West Country Job Finder. 1.10, Table Tennis. 1.30, Farm and Country. 2.00, The World at War. 3.00, The Magician. 3.50, The Big Match. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, The Baron. 11.55, Faith for Life.

Scottish

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, UFO. 2.35, Scotsport. 3.50, ATV. 4.50, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, News. 6.15, Chapter and Verse. 6.50, Appeal: Royal Caledonian Schools. 6.55, London. 7.25, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-12.00, Kung Fu.

London Weekend

9.30 am, Yoga. 10.00, Morning Worship from St Luke's Church, Dunston, Northampton. 11.00, Plain Sailing. 11.30, London Weekend Show. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Around the World in 80 Days. 1.35, A House for the Future. 2.05, The Big Match. 3.05, The Zoo Gang. 4.05, Celebrity Squares. 4.50, Place to Hide. 5.20, Aquarius: Brook in Paris.
6.05 News.
6.15 Children of the Bible.
6.35 Opinion.
6.50 Appeal: National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.
6.55 Sing Aloud.
7.25 Yus My Dear.
7.55 McCloud.
9.35 Police Five Extra.
9.45 News.
10.00 Red Letter Day.
11.00 London Programme.
12.00 Witness to Yesterday: Shakespeare, with Barry Morse, Patrick Watson.
12.25 am, Songs of the City.

ATV

9.30 am, Link. 10.00, London. 11.00, A House for the Future. 11.30, Chopper One. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Amazing Chan. 1.35, Fantastic Voyage. 2.00, Star Soccer. 3.00, Griff. 3.50, World at War. 4.50, Celebrity Squares. 5.35, A Place to Hide. 6.05, London. 7.25, McCloud. 9.15, Yus Honestly. 9.45, London. 11.00, University Challenge. 11.30, The Protectors. 12.00, Peter Hall.

Tyne Tees

10.00 am, London. 11.25, Galloping Gourmet. 11.55, Where the Jobs Are. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Police Surgeon. 1.40, Farming. 2.10, Shoot! 3.05, The Ghost and Mrs Muir. 3.35, The World at War. 4.35, The Flintstones. 5.05, The Geordie Scene. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, McMillan and Wife. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, A House for the Future. 11.30, Epilogue.

Grampian

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, Parents' Day. 2.05, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 2.30, Scotsport. 3.50, ATV. 4.50, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 6.50, Appeal: Royal Caledonian Schools. 6.55, London. 7.25, McMillan and Wife. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Streets of San Francisco. 11.55, Prayers.

Radio

1
6.55 am, New Day. 7.00, News. 7.03, Reginald Dixon. 8.03, Cliff Richard. 8.32, Ed Stewart. 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, W1A 4WW Show. 5.00, Insight. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00, Quiz Kid '76. 7.30, Semprini.† 8.30, Sunday Half-hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.07, Brass and Strings.† 11.02, Jazz. 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† stereo.

2
6.55 am, Radio 1. 10.02, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites. 2.02, The Navy Lark.† 2.30, Julie Andrews Story.† 3.30, Eric Morecambe. 4.02, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, Roy Castle. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

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8.00 am, News. 8.05, Artur Schnabel (piano): Beethoven. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Wiren, Franck, Brahms, Nielsen.† 10.30, Music Weekly: Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari and Maurice Emmanuel.† 11.15, Don Giovanni, opera by Mozart: Act 1. 12.45 pm, Words: Cardew Robinson. 12.50, Alistair Cooke's Richard Rodgers. 1.30, Clarinet and Piano: Brahms, Berg, Debussy, Poulenc, Lutoslawski.† 2.35, Don Giovanni: Act 2.† 4.05, Rostropovich Plays Bach.† 4.45, Ecstasy and the Secular Society, by Marghanita Laski: Part 1. The Experiences in Question. 5.10, Rostropovich: Part 2.† 5.40, Talking About Music. Antony Hopkins.†

6.10, BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra: Wagner, Hindemith, Beethoven.† 7.30, Australian Drama: A Stretch of the Imagination, by Jack Hibberd. 9.00, Priaulx Rainier. 9.50, Mr Europe: Jean Monnet reflects on progress. 10.45, Sounds Interesting. 11.25-11.30, News.

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7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45, Bells. 7.50, Reading. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.15, Sunday. 8.50, Programme News. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, Sunday Papers. 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, The Archers. 10.30, Service from Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon. 11.10, Appeal. Marchant—Holliday School. 11.15, Motoring and the Motorist. 11.45, From the Grass Roots. 12.15 pm, You, and Yours. 12.55, Weather.
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Sunday 11 Jan. 7.30 p.m. — **CHINN AND BRINGS** piano duet, Van Walsum Concert Management — Mozart: Sonata K.497; Debussy: Six epigraphes antiques; Stravinsky: Petrushka; Works by Raoul Pleskow, Allen Brings

Monday 12 Jan. 7.30 p.m. — **GAIL BERENSON** American pianist, Chevaeux Management — Schubert: Sonata in B flat Op. posth.; Liszt: Sonata in B minor.

Tuesday 13 Jan. 7.30 p.m. — **HILLA KHURSEDJI** piano, Young Musicians Series, New Era Int. Concerts. — Bach: Prelude and Fugue in C (Book II); Schonberg: 5 Klavierstücke Op. 11; Beethoven: Sonata in A flat Op. 110; Brahms: Klavierstücke Op. 76; Works by Cyril Scott and Liszt

Wednesday 14 Jan. 7.30 p.m. — **YEVGENIA KEREN** Russian-Israeli pianist — Schubert: Sonata in C minor; Beethoven: Sonata in A Op. 2 No. 2; Bach: French Suite in G; Barkauskas: Pocelo Suite 1st Lon. perf.; Tchaikovsky: Dumka

Thursday 15 Jan. 7.30 p.m. — **DREAMTIGER** Kathryn Lucas flute, Rohan de Saram cello, Douglas Young piano — Passacaur: Modelo—Redult 1975 (Cello version: 1st perf.); Works by Haydn, Prokofiev, Bridge, etc. Introductory talk in the foyer at 6.30 p.m. by Douglas Young. £1.50, £1.00. Students 50p.

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THE ARTS

Walter Matthau times it right



As Willy Clark

Walter Matthau is in the middle of his second visit to Britain. The first was made a little over 30 years ago by courtesy of the American Air Force. Mr Matthau remembers it well.

"We were stationed in Norfolk and one evening I went into Norwich to see *Arsenic and Old Lace*. In those days there was even entertainment during the intermission and we had a magician on stage. He asked for a volunteer, as magicians so often do, and I put my hand up and ambled gently down the aisle. The audience started shouting 'Get along . . . hurry up . . .', but I just kept going, nice and steady, and by the time I had reached the magician I had got a pretty good laugh. It's an old comic trick: when you're in the public view behave as though you are not."

Walter Matthau might also have had added that it takes timing, a skill he has mastered as thoroughly as any actor in view today. And that is what has brought him back to Britain. Next week the film of Neil Simon's *The Sunshine Boys*, directed by Herbert Ross—and very well directed too—opens in the West End. Matthau plays Willy Clark, one half of the comedy team of the title which broke up years back when both halves decided they could no longer stand the sight of one another. Neil Simon has also written the movie script and his association with Matthau now runs over 10 years.

"He came up to me at a party one night and pushed two acts of a play into my hands saying, 'I've written this for you'. I didn't know who the hell he was. But I read it and at first it looked like one long string of gags. Then I reckoned I saw a line in it and that it could work. We took it out on the road and Neil Simon wanted to polish up every line which didn't get a laugh. But we pleaded with him to let most of them stay in so that we didn't piss the audience too hard and we could give them a story.

"That was *The Odd Couple*. Of course Neil Simon is very jealous about his words and I don't blame him. After all he's had far more commercial success than Shakespeare. He's much less guarded with me now than he used to be . . . much sweeter. Don't forget that $5m have changed hands."

When *The Sunshine Boys* came to Broadway it opened without Walter Matthau, who says that he was not offered a part, although he did play Willy later in the run. And he was not over-impressed by the movie script when it emerged.

"I thought it was thin and depressing. And when I accepted the part it was almost by accident. I had been watching an old Lubitsch movie *To be or not to be* with Jack Benny and Carole Lombard, a great film, and I reckoned the one thing I wanted to do at that moment was a remake playing the Jack Benny part. A couple of days later I was having dinner with Herb Ross, who started talking about *The Sunshine Boys* and said that he had just signed Jack Benny. I asked who was in for the other role. Herb raised an eyebrow and replied 'We're waiting for you'.

"I had another look at the script and read it across to my son Charlie—he's my constant companion and my constant critic. He fell about laughing, so I did the movie. The rest you know: Jack died before shooting started and George Burns took over."

Burns, who had been out of movies for a long, long time, acquired the reputation of being a hundred per cent professional during the filming.

"Yes . . . he came with his lines perfectly learned and . . ." Pause. ". . . he was perfectly flexible". Matthau abandons his normal speech, which is as considered and as unflustered as that amble down the Norwich aisle, and becomes Willy Clark for a moment. "He had to be. He was very frightened. He had been off the set for 36 years."

Matthau's apprenticeship was not in Hollywood but in the New York theatre. "I did three plays a year for twelve years and I had the benefit of working with top-notch directors from George Abbott to Elia Kazan. That is the way to acquire your technical skill." What about the times with George Axelrod, did he help? "Maybe he taught me one or two things. How not to act, for example. Maybe I taught him something: not to direct his own plays. Yes, there was an influence."

The returns to the stage are now quite rare, although there was a season of *Juno and the Paycock* in Los Angeles not so long ago.

"It was fixed at a party with Jack Lemmon and Maureen Stapleton. We all suddenly decided that we wanted to do it. Even my brother, who scarcely likes anything of mine, reckons I'm alright in O'Casey. 'You were quite good in that crazy Irish thing', he said. But I get terrified in the theatre nowadays and during the run of *Juno* I picked up a duodenal ulcer. I call the movies retirement acting—you just give demonstrations of your former skills, once you have worked out the difference between the theatre and the cinema. When I first came to Hollywood I used to try and impress the people at the back of the camera and that was a mistake. *You must half hide what you are wanting to show* and make the audience feel that they are peeking in on what is happening."

And how did Walter Matthau decide to become an actor?

"For that we have to come back to Britain. On my service record it said under Civilian Occupation "Recreation aide." And that was right on the button. At the end of the war there was a job lined up for me as a Boy Scout Co-ordinator at $1,900 a year with a car and a house. But a girl in the Red Cross here, who was my first big affair, pointed out that it was at Tonopah, Nevada, and that every time I came in from the desert I'd lose all my money at the gaming tables. She told me to go to New York and either do a course in acting or in journalism. Do you know what the capital of Nevada is?"

I got it wrong. But Walter Matthau got it right.

John Higgins

High spirited dancing

Northern Dance Theatre
RNCM, Manchester

John Percival

All the talk there has been lately about a merger with the Royal Ballet's touring company would be flattering to the Northern Dance Theatre but for two things. One is their understandable suspicion that the bigger organisation's management sees the arrangement as a one-sided take-over. The other is the way present uncertainties are restricting their own development.

It has taken six months since the first negotiations, until this very week in fact, simply to set up a working party to decide on the desirability of a merger. The nature of the possible new company and how to run it would have to be looked at later. In spite of that, there is pressure on financial grounds for a quick outcome; it appears that the Arts Council would perhaps feel relieved if they had one company fewer to support.

Whatever part NDT's repertory and members may have in a new company, there is a danger that their valuable work in developing new audiences will have to end. They have danced in Manchester's smaller theatres at low admission prices and have performed in areas where ballet was previously unknown. The company emerging from the shake-up is likely to be larger and its prosperity is expected to depend on the Greater Manchester Council and northern audiences being prepared to pay more for fewer (although one hopes better) performances.

Ironically, this happens at a time when NDT is beginning to show the benefits of six years' hard slog. After an encouraging start, the company went through a bad patch because of uncertain direction and the difficulty of persuading good dancers to work outside London. Under a new committee of management, things have improved. The programmes are better balanced, several promising young dancers are coming on well, and audiences are responding.

The company's chief strength, under its founder Laverne Meyer, lay in developing new choreographic talent and supplementing their creations with well-chosen revivals, largely from neglected corners of the standard repertory. That policy continues under the new management. Jonathan Thorpe is at work on a new ballet and there were eight recent acquisitions among the two programmes I saw this week.

It was a special pleasure to see again John Cranko's *Tritsch Tratsch*. This short trio began his career in England and contains the seeds of much of his best later work. Peter Clegg has mounted it faithfully and it is danced with zest by Denis Bonner and John Haynes as the two sailors, with Alexandra Worrall as the girl who gives them both their come-uppance.

The same three dancers make the most of the witty timings and comic disappearances in *Peepshow*. Walter Gore's amusing dance about three bathers disporting themselves in and under the sea. Gore has also produced *Street Games*, another old favourite well worth a further run. Margaret Birss brings a keen sense of humour to the solo with a lost ball and all the girls cope neatly with the dances based on hopscotch, skipping and other games. Perhaps the goofiness of the two youngsters on their first date is slightly too sentimental but Jennifer Hancock and John Haynes offset that with their wry, droll manner.

Anton Dolin's staging of *The Pas de Quatre* and John Gilpin's of the *Harlequinade* duet bring a dash of bravura to the programmes, and if some of the performers are slightly stretched to carry them off, that is no bad thing. Royston Maldoom's *Adagietto No 5* continues the recent fashion for the slow movement of Mahler's Fifth Symphony. I found it emptily portentous but audiences like it and Susan Meek is admirable as the girl bundled repeatedly to and fro between two men.

Roy Powell's *Just for Fun* was given a showing in Birmingham ten years ago by the Australian Ballet: apart from that it is new to Britain. It has been mounted from notation and I suspect some points have been slightly blunted in the process. The dancers give its lighthearted routines with enthusiasm and it makes a pleasant if rather mild curtain-raiser.

Jack Carter's *Impromptu for Twelve* fares better, revived by the choreographer with a sharp eye for detail. In a framework of high-spirited ensembles it makes gentle fun of familiar theatrical types: the would-be star, the vamp, the flirt. Ursula Hügeli, Norma Atallah and Wendy Roe each in turn trump each other's tricks. The costumes and outrageous wigs designed by Norman McDowell add to the fun; and Rossini's *William Tell* ballet music will never sound the same again.

A strained performance

Victoria Postnikova
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

Victoria Postnikova is a pianist for whom many of us would have gone to the stake on the strength of her performance of Tchaikovsky's B flat minor piano concerto at the Leeds contest in 1966. So after her considerable absence from the South Bank, expectations ran high for last night's Chopin recital.

If anyone hearing her for the first time was disappointed, let it be said at once that she was not playing at her best. Though she has always been tempted by extremes, on this occasion they extracted a heavier than usual toll, with much in her approach that seemed governed by whim.

Perhaps because of nervousness, or not quite having come to terms with the instrument itself, the Twenty four Preludes monopolizing the first half, were the most unnatural and strained. Her withdrawn manner, and whispered pianissimo at first aroused hopes of an intimately private interpretation of the kind the composer himself might have given. But in fast tempo (which she frequently favoured) her fingers sped stealthily over the surface of the keys in a shadowy world lacking definition of detail. When a storm had to be faced, then her playing grew rough and inaccurate at uncomfortably fast speed, most notably in No 12 in G sharp minor and the last in D minor, sometimes with bass completely drowning her right hand, as in No 22 in G minor. Even in No 15 in B flat her melodic line lacked sustained intensity, while the middle section brought over-extreme dynamic contrasts militating against the larger shape of the piece.

Needless to say, there were fugitive gleams of insight in all 24, and certainly Miss Postnikova was consistent enough in her own way to underline the unity of the set. But it was not until after the interval that she seemed to come to terms with the piano and remind us of the lovely sonority that she can draw from it. The Berceuse was exquisitely delicate and tender, so was the lullaby in the middle of the B minor Scherzo. The Andante Spianato had a finely drawn, glowing line, and to the Grande Polonaise she brought a touch of mercurial lightness. The Barcarolle sounded strongly motivated despite some jagged rubato.

Clayhanger
ATV

Michael Ratcliffe

Episode One: young Edwin Clayhanger leaves school in the Five Towns, enters his father Darius's steam printing business, longs to become an architect, tells Darius, who does not take *him seriously*. *Episode Two*: Darius buys a flue press ("Good as new") in Manchester; Edwin's quick-thinking prevents it from crashing through the composing room floor; the boy still wishes to become an architect and reminds his father in a letter. Darius is appalled ("What's so wonderful with architecting?") and calls in "Auntie Hamps", his dead wife's sister and self-appointed interpreter of God's Providence to the whole of north Staffordshire, on his side.

Clayhanger has begun well, but soberly, conscious of its 26-week span and paced accordingly. The nearest thing to excitement so far has been the "Free and Easy" entertainment at the Dragon, beautifully reconstructed in Michael Bailey's designs, with its noble bass, comic songs, male voice quartet and champion female clog-dancer of the Midlands, but then the "Free and Easy" has been the nearest thing to excitement in young Edwin's life, too—apart, that is, from his first encounters with *Cuzenove's Architectural Views of European Capitals*, and with Mr Orgreave, the local Ruskinian architect whose family will be of great importance as the story proceeds.

Douglas Livingstone's adaptation—produced by Stella Richman and David Reid, directed by John Davies—has followed Bennett's novel closely and held our attention along a thin line of events by its affectionate detail and truthful playing from the whole cast. The tone is set by the performance of William Relton, whose Edwin seemed at first a bit too dopey but who perfectly has the "wistful and nervously smiling face" described by Bennett and also contrives to suggest resources of anarchy beneath tearful submissiveness. Harry Andrews is splendid as Darius, and Joyce Redman conjures an implacable complacency out of "Auntie Hamps" with some astonishing vowels to match. Accents, in fact, vary from south Lancashire to Black Country with quite a lot between which is presumably nearer the mark. What *Clayhanger* needs now is the intervention of a mettlesome heroine and that, in Episode Three, is precisely what it gets. Enter Hilda Lessways.

Art treasures

Paul Overy will be writing on two major new exhibitions, Thracian Treasures from Bulgaria at the British Museum and The Golden Age of Spanish Painting at the Royal Academy, in his weekly art review next Tuesday.

Chess

Going Dutch

There is an old, friendly rivalry between England and the Netherlands at chess that goes back 70 years or more. It says much for the Dutch spirit of enterprise, and for their methodical cultivation of the game, that on the whole the Lowlanders have got the better of the struggle. Why this should be, or rather should have been, it is hard to determine.

Is it a case of "small is best", as modern ungrammatical jargon would have it? The argument here is that, being so much smaller than the United Kingdom, Holland can the more easily concentrate its quintessential strength. It is by rolling it all into one ball that Holland can produce so decisive a punch. There may be something in this theory, but it does clash with the pragmatical evidence that big countries, having a greater area of choice, tend to excel.

Is the Dutch organization better than ours? I venture to doubt it. Their organizers and chess administrators have been known to commit the same mistakes as ours, and just as frequently. The fact that in junior chess at any rate we are superior, and have been for some time, would also seem to deny the idea that theirs is a more intuitive grasp of the game than ours.

It does, however, seem to be true that the Dutch penchant for orderliness and method tends to produce the greater chess. Nowhere in the world, not even in his home country of Germany has Dr Tarrasch, the *praeceptor Germaniae* of chess as he is sometimes known, a greater following. The result has been that Holland has produced three grandmasters—Dr Euwe, Donner and Timman—to our none and, of course, in the first named, a world champion, whereas our nearest to this happy consummation has been Howard Staunton, who, for a period of about 10 years in the 1840s, was regarded as Europe's best player.

This disparity was shown up strongly in the Olympiads in which small teams of four plus two reserves are *de rigueur*. Holland has all too often come much higher than England in such competitions. Dutch domination over eight boards has been less marked, but even there they have had the better of it on the whole.

Now, happily, it looks as though the tide is turning in our favour. This is the year when preliminary competitions are being held all over Europe to determine which teams are going to join the present European champions, the USSR, in the finals of the European championship in Moscow next year. England and Holland were the chief rivals in the preliminary group, which also included Wales and France, for a qualifying place in the final and last month the decisive match was played at Flushing.

England entered this last qualifying round in a most favourable position, having done much better against Wales than the Dutch. This was a double round contest, and in the first round England lost by 3½-4½. Had they fared even worse in the second round and lost by, say, 3—5 it would have been the Dutch who would have been preparing to travel to Moscow in 1977. But our players fought back nobly to win by 4½—3½ and make the final result a draw.

Thus England won the group with a score of 33½ points, followed by Holland (31), Wales (18) and France (13). For the second time in succession England has succeeded in qualifying for the final of the European team championship, thereby proving they are one of the best eight teams in Europe, a feat that is not to be underestimated.

The results of the England-Holland match were: Keene 0, ½, Timman 1, ½; Hartston ½, ½; Sosonko ½, ½; Miles ½, 1, Donner ½, 0; Stean 1, 0, Bohm 0, 1; Mestel ½, 0, Ree ½, 1; Whiteley ½, 1, Ligterink ½, 0; S. Webb ½, 1, Kuijpers ½, 0; Bellin 0, ½, Zuidema 1, ½.

One remarkable contrast in this match was that whereas Holland had two grandmasters and five international masters in their team, England had no grandmasters and only four international masters.

I give a game played on Board 6 in the second round of the match. White: Whiteley. Black: Ligterink. QP King's Indian Defence.

1	P-Q4	Kt-KB3	5	Kt-QB3	P-Q3
2	P-QB4	P-KKt3	6	Kt-B3	Kt-B3
3	P-KKt3	B-Kt2	7	O-O	P-QR3
4	B-Kt2	O-O	8	P-KR3	R-Kt1

All this has become almost mechanical and it is an interesting comment on the change in fashion that there was a time when this flank action would have been roundly condemned as anti-positional. What indeed would Tarrasch have said!

9	P-K4	P-QKt4	11	P-K5	Kt-Q2
10	PxP	PxP	12	Kt-Kt5	

Threatening the deadly 13 P-K6, in adition to the banal B x Kt; in reply Black goes in for a promising piece sacrifice.

12		KtxQP	14 Q-Q1
13	QxKt	KtxP	

Preferring that Black should not play Kt-B6 ch.

14	P-QB4	17	Kt-K4 B-Q2
15	B-Kt	18	P-Kt3 R-R3
16	Kt-Q5	Kt-B5	19 B-B4 P-Kt4

A mistake, since it allows White to give back the piece and gain the initiative himself. Better was 19 . . . Kt-K4.

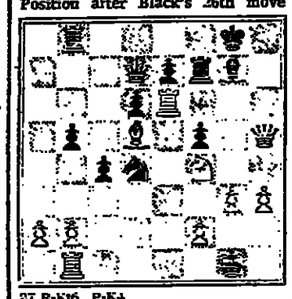
20	BxKtP	PxB	21 KtxKtP P-B3

Forced; he must disturb the enemy Knight before White has time to play Q-R5.

22	Kt-K6	BxKt	25 Kt-B4 Q-Q2
23	B-B4	P-KB4	26 B-Q5 Kt-Q6
24	Q-R5	R-B2	

If 26 . . . Kt—Kt5; 27 Q x R ch, K x Q; 28 R x QP dis ch, K-K1; 29 B-B7 ch, K-Q1; 30 Kt-K6 ch, K-B1; 31 R x Q, K x R; 32 Kt x B, and White has won a piece, amongst other things.

Position after Black's 26th move



27 R-Kt6 P-K4

This does not help, but if instead 27 . . . R-KB1; 28 R x B ch, K x R; 29 Q-Kt6 ch, K-R1; 30 Q-R6 ch, K-Kt1; 31 Kt-Kt6, and White mates on R8.

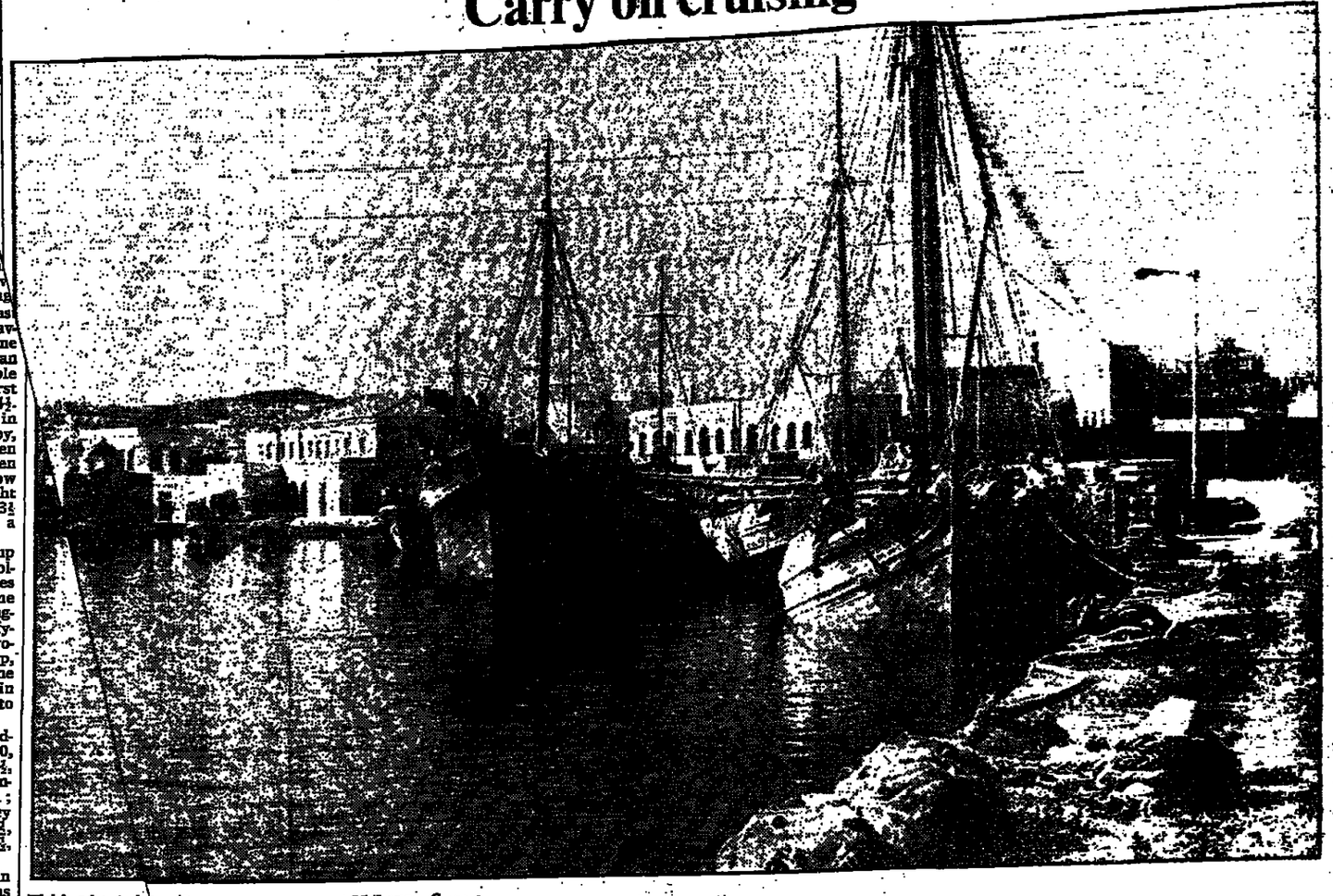
28	Q-R6	K-B1	30 Kt-Kt6 ch resigns
29	R-B	RxR	

A most lively and stirring game.

Harry Golombek

Travel

Carry on cruising



Fishing boats in the picturesque harbour at Mykonos, Greece.

Tour companies are presently expressing themselves in optimistic superlative when asked to forecast next summer's trade. Shipping companies are more cautious, but I believe cruising will enjoy considerable popularity in 1976 and that their hopeful caution is more suited to the situation.

Since the departure of Shaw Savill from the cruising scene, the number of berths available for those wishing to sail from a British port has fallen by about 25 per cent. P & O, with 51,000, offers almost half the total and has got the year off to a remarkably fine start with the departure the day before yesterday of Canberra fully booked, on a round the world voyage. Some 1,150 passengers are making the complete trip, and a further 550 travelling on the ship for part of her journey.

No sign of economic despondency here, for Canberra fares range from £1,000 to £6,500, and the company has already received 260 firm bookings for her next world voyage in January, 1977.

With vessels operating at something like 96 per cent full, P & O had what one executive described as "a vintage year" in 1975, and other companies also did well. Having spoken with them lately, I would suggest that anyone thinking of a cruise holiday this year should make firm arrangements as quickly as possible.

My own recent travels by sea have led me to conclude that a far higher proportion of self-employed people now favour this type of holiday—a view supported by one company's spokesman. "A self-employed person is not always so exposed to the vagaries of the economy as a wage earner," he said. "He is often better equipped and better protected from that sort of situation. I would say that in 1976 the package tour customer is going to suffer most, but the cruise passenger is rather more immune."

Not all self-employed people are in such a happy position and, indeed, one hesitates to make the point anyway, for there are always those prepared to snipe at cruise passengers with such outdated cliches as "idle rich" or "parasites on society". The thought that anyone, by dint of sheer hard work and self-help, might have earned himself a small degree of financial immunity and the right to spend his money on a holiday at sea, brings a rush of blood to the heads of some self-appointed watchdogs.

Enough of the social comment. Let me bring to your notice some of the 1976 cruises you might care to consider (whether self-employed, wage-earning or retired). P & O's Oriana was scheduled to carry out a cruise to the North Cape between June 19 and July 3, and so overwhelming has been the response that she will make the voyage a second time from July 3 to July 17. It is a journey of special appeal to those who have cruised the Mediterranean and seek a change.

On the other hand, the company has included two "sampler" cruises in its programme specifically for those who have never taken a holiday at sea. The first of these, in Oriana, departs from Southampton on September 12 and lasts for seven nights, with Casablanca, Cadiz and Lisbon as ports of call. Fares range from £122 to £434. (P & O, incidentally, is guaranteeing its prices certainly until mid-June, with no requirement for early booking.)

The second "sampler" is on October 15, when Canberra sails to Madeira, Lisbon and Vigo on a trip that gives you eight nights on board at fares from £136 to £417.

Arcadia is the third vessel carrying out the company's cruise programme, but she makes only two trips, next April. Two weeks to Casablanca, Lanzarote, Madeira, Lisbon and Vigo at fares from £203 to £626. (That last is the cost of a verandah cabin. A two-berth cabin with private facilities costs from £340 per person.) Her second trip is a three-week voyage to Corunna, Barbados, Martinique, St Lucia, Antigua and Madeira from £347 to £1,063. Again, that last sum is for a verandah cabin; two-berth cabins with private facilities from £576. The departure dates are April 2 and April 15 respectively.

In all, the company offers eight cruises to the western Mediterranean and five to the Adriatic and Aegean seas, with a further eight to the Canaries and Madeira, among others.

Like other companies, P & O offers discount fares on voyages in April, May, October and November. These are aimed at families, teenagers and children. If you are able to take your holiday at any time and can travel at five weeks' notice, there is also a "Take a Chance" scheme giving considerable fare reductions.

Chandris—with 16 cruises from Britain and no fewer than 89 fly/cruises from Venice and Genoa—is also offering discounts—a 15 per cent reduction on fares paid before January 31 and other reductions for families, children, travellers over 65 years old as well as stand-by fares.

Chandris is carrying out a series of 15 and 17-day cruises from Southampton, with ports of call including Lisbon, Madeira, Dakar, Casablanca, Elba, Naples, Malaga and Tangier. A two-berth cabin with private facilities costs from £299 per person on the 15-day cruises in June (from £336 in July, August and September).

The Chandris ships Britanis and Amerikanis are at present carrying out a series of fly/cruises around the Caribbean islands, but on May 21 Britanis sails from Southampton on a 15-day cruise to Amsterdam, Gdynia, Leningrad, Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen and Gothenburg—the cost of a two-berth cabin with private facilities being from £339 per person. That journey is the first of her series into northern waters, but other ships of the fleet are offering fly/cruise holidays around the eastern Mediterranean. Florita, Romanza and Fiesta are the vessels, and the Chandris programme is well worth consideration by anyone seeking some early sunshine with plenty of opportunity for sightseeing at the many ports of call.

A "one off" cruise which caught my eye is that being operated in March by Costa Line's Franca "C", a smaller (6,830 tons gross) vessel. This is a journey 1,000 miles up the Amazon. One flies to Rio de Janeiro on March 7, having days to spare in that city before joining the ship on March 11 when she sails for Salvador, Recife, Sao Louis, Belem, Santarem, Manaus, Macapa, Cayenne, Paramaribo, Georgetown and Barbados, from where, after an overnight hotel stop, one flies back to London on April 1. The inclusive cost of this holiday is from £747 in cabins which all have private facilities.

A Costa Line official told me a few days ago that the trip had already received encouraging support from Britain, though berths were still available. The same is true of the summer programme of cruises offered by Federico "C" Enrico "C" and Andrea "C", although he tells me there has already been tremendous interest in them. The holidays and fly/cruise deals—10 days to Tenerife and Madeira or seven days in the western Mediterranean. This last cruise can be combined with a stay ashore to provide, for example, a two-week holiday giving a week on Enrico "C" and a week on Majorca from £179 inclusive. What makes this particular deal especially attractive is that one may fly to join the ship from provincial as well as London airports.

Finally, a note of offerings from Holland America Cruises. First, as agent for Sun Line, it provides fly/cruise arrangements on the ships of Sun Line—from April to October, Stella Polaris is making seven-day cruises and Stella Maris three and four-day cruises around the Greek islands, Turkey and Egypt, calling at Rhodes, Delos, Mykonos and (on the seven-day cruises) Alexandria and Istanbul. Fares for the short voyages are from £54 (from £144 on the seven-day cruises).

From May to October, Stella Oceanis undertakes a series of seven-day voyages—again at fares from £144—to Venice, Dubrovnik and such ports as Corfu, Malta, Tunis and Nice.

Sun Line ships also offer cruises around the Caribbean, but Holland America's own Prinsendam is currently operating a series of cruises around the Indonesian Archipelago which merit attention. The 8,000-ton vessel was specially designed for cruising in that region and began her fortnightly journeys last November. She will continue until April 12 with a break until October 27, when she resumes the programme that has been arranged until April 1977, so popular is she. The cruise is, in fact, a three-in-one arrangement with the option of remaining on board for the complete fortnight, or for just the first or second week. She sails from Singapore to Penang (Malaysia), Belawan and Sibolga (Sumatra), the island of Nias and Jakarta (Java) during the first week, then to Bali (for a one and a half day stopover) and Surabaya (Java) on her way back to Singapore.

So there you have a small sample of cruises on offer in 1976, with so many more that cannot be mentioned here for lack of space. The range of holidays is, indeed, immense. "Something to suit all tastes" may be a well-worn phrase from the salesman's handbook, but it certainly applies in the case of cruise holidays. Whether you wish to travel from a British port or fly to the Mediterranean or some farther pleasure sea, to join a ship for a short or long voyage or combine a cruise with a holiday ashore, the shipping companies are certainly providing "made" holidays in 1976.

John Carter

Travel extra

Health risks on holiday

Almost any travel agent nowadays will be able to discuss holiday locations in Africa, India, and South-East Asia—areas which only a few years ago were far out of the reach of most tourists. Some of the millions of British travellers who venture beyond Europe do so on low-price air package tours, others to join overland coach treks, and many immigrants from India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh return home to visit relations.

The one feature of these holidays that is almost totally ignored by the travel industry is the risk to health.

Some countries still require visitors to have been vaccinated against smallpox or other diseases, and these legal requirements are included in the travel brochures: yet few agents seem aware of other precautions that should be advised to protect against diseases still prevalent in much of the developing world.

Holiday travellers to tropical islands, deserts, and jungle may lie awake worrying about snakes, scorpions, or vampire bats: but the real dangers come from mosquito bites and tapwater. Tropical diseases taken for granted by the local population—who build up immunity to them from birth—may cause serious illness in a tourist after his return to Britain, when the family doctor may not recognise the symptoms unless warned of the recent trip abroad.

By far the most dangerous of these imported diseases is malaria. More than 500 cases a year occur among returning travellers, and each year there are several deaths from the malignant falciparum form of the condition, which can lie dormant for weeks or months after the return to Britain and then cause an illness which can kill within a few days.

The tragic aspect of these deaths is that they are unnecessary. Malaria can be prevented with certainty by regular dosage with an antimalarial drug such as Proguanil taken for a week before entering the risk area, during the stay, and for at least a month afterwards.

The danger to tourists comes from the mistaken belief that malaria is found only in swampy areas of African jungle. In fact the disease is still widespread in virtually the whole of Africa, central and tropical South America, India and the Far East. The Seychelles, Mauritius, and Israel are clear, as is the United States of America; but popular holiday resorts along the North African coast, Syria, Turkey, and even the eastern tip of Greece are definite risk areas. Within these areas a single bite from an infected mosquito is enough to transmit the disease, and this may occur at an international airport or a luxury hotel swimming pool. Local inhabitants acquire immunity to the disease, but for a European the only reliable protection is a regular routine of antimalarial tablets: so anyone travelling to or through any part of Africa, Asia, or tropical America should check with a reliable travel agent whether there is any risk—and if in doubt make further inquiries at the Ross Institute of Tropical Hygiene, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1.

Three other serious diseases may be encountered wherever the standard of sanitation is suspect—and that includes much of southern Europe and the whole Mediterranean littoral—and these are poliomyelitis, typhoid, and hepatitis (infectious jaundice). All three are spread by contamination of the water supply by sewage or less often by contamination of shellfish or other foodstuffs. Tourists visiting southern Europe or farther afield should avoid water from village pumps or fountains and be cautious about "homemade" ice cream, raw shellfish, and unwashed fruit.

Protection is available against all three diseases. Most Britons aged under 35 were given polio vaccine as children and need not worry about their immunity: but many older travellers may never have had the vaccine, and each year a few of them contract this serious and sometimes fatal illness. The vaccine is taken as droplets on a lump of sugar and causes no unpleasant effects: the immunity given is life-long.

The vaccines against hepatitis and typhoid give only temporary protection, but are nevertheless well worth having. Anyone going on a long overland journey or intending to live off local food and drink would be well advised to arrange vaccination against both diseases in the six weeks before departure. Cholera is also spread by contamination of water supplies or shellfish, and again vaccination gives useful protection, but routine vaccination is unnecessary unless there is known to be a risk of the disease in the country to be visited.

None of these diseases is common, and the main medical hazards for tourists remain the traditional ones—sunburn, digestive upsets, and road accidents caused by a combination of hear, alcohol, and exhaustion. But malaria, typhoid, polio, and hepatitis are potentially fatal, eminently preventable, and risks which every traveller should be made aware of. If he then chooses to ignore precautionary treatment, that is his own choice: but the travel industry surely has an obligation to give him the information. Too often at present it fails to do so.

Dr Tony Smith
Medical Correspondent

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Antiques

Presented with riches on a plate

that Christmas and Twelfth
it are over, all the decora-
s and cards put away, I am
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l the next festive occasion
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applaud the good sense of
e who use and enjoy their
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are bold enough to do the
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he subject of these services
istorically and socially fas-
ting, and makes an excellent
me for collecting. Probably
t known in the field of
orial porcelain is the large
nber of Chinese export ser-
es, made in China and
orated to designs sent there
ough the East India Com-
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ch of which still survive
lay, displays of splendour can
seen in stately homes, but
iers are tucked away in the
ntry cupboards of more
odest country homes.

The example having been set
the Chinese, fashion
turally required that the
w porcelain factories spring-
g up all over Europe in the eighteenth century should ful-
fil the demand and so it is that through pride of posses-
sion we can get a glimpse into the background of the more
powerful and wealthy families of the period.

It was Augustus the Strong of Saxony, later King of Poland, who was to lead the way with his Meissen porcelain, the factory already in 1725 in the prime of its existence, and it is to the Meissen armorial services of the period 1725-45 that I wish to draw your attention in this brief article.

Augustus did not only cover his own tables with lavish porcelain arrangements, but he gave services as special presents in several noteble instances. The earliest recorded armorial service to be made was for tea and chocolate painted with chinoiserie figures and the arms of Victor Amadeus, King of Sardinia, to whom Augustus presented it in 1725. As a special feature the pieces also bear the royal cypher AR of the donor. A cup and saucer formerly in the Klemperer Collection and a sucrier and cover in the Schneider Collection at Lustheim, near Munich, are the only pieces known to have survived.

It was not until shortly before 1730 that Augustus had two services made with his own arms with yellow tiger pattern taken from the Japanese Arita original, one with the arms of Saxony and the other with the Polish/Litau arms. Following this in 1733 came the famous "Kroenungsservice", made to commemorate the coronation of Friedrich August II as August III, King of Poland, the centre of each piece splendidly filled with the flamboyant joint arms of Saxony and Poland. Then between 1735-40 a service was made with chinoiserie decoration richly ornate and gilt with a crowned AR cypher above the arms. Pieces of this service can be seen in the Kocher Collection in Bern.

The royal patron of the factory did not have exclusive rights; indeed it is clear he determined it should be a commercial success and members of his court who could afford such luxury ordered services to be made as, too, did noble prelates and princes of the church. Two services are known to have been made for Clemens August, third son of Max Emanuel von Bayern, who became Elector of Cologne in 1723 and entered the church in 1725, continuing however, his princely living with a chinoiserie service in 1735 and a hunting service in 1741. The Münchhausen Service is well known for its purple fabulous animals and arms comprising a figure of a monk dating from 1735, and from the same period is another made for Graf von Hennicke, a natural son of the famous Graf Brühl.

The first grand service, however, was that made for Graf Sulkowski in 1935-37, with tureens taken from silver originals by Johann Biller and other details taken from the famous caryatid figures which support the Zwinger palaces in Dresden, designed by Balthasar Permoser. In its simplicity and great sculptural quality this is perhaps the most successful of all Meissen services.

Much more portentous is the grandest of all Meissen services, if not of all its productions, the one made between 1737-41 for Graf Brühl, the most powerful of all Augustus's ministers and of enormous wealth, who decided to ourdo his lord and master by having the richest table in the land. It is interesting to observe that of the several patterns produced for his selection, typically he chose the most elaborate. Instead of the beautiful and somewhat restrained suggestions that were made, the service which was eventually delivered to his palace on the Brühlsche Terrasse, overlooking the river, is a masterpiece of Kaendler's genius and of rococo magnificence. Plates and dishes appear not infrequently on the market, though the major pieces are mostly in museums.

There is not space here to mention all the services made for the noble families of Europe, but I should like to make a special mention of the enormous number of services ordered and made for Italian, and particularly Venetian, families.

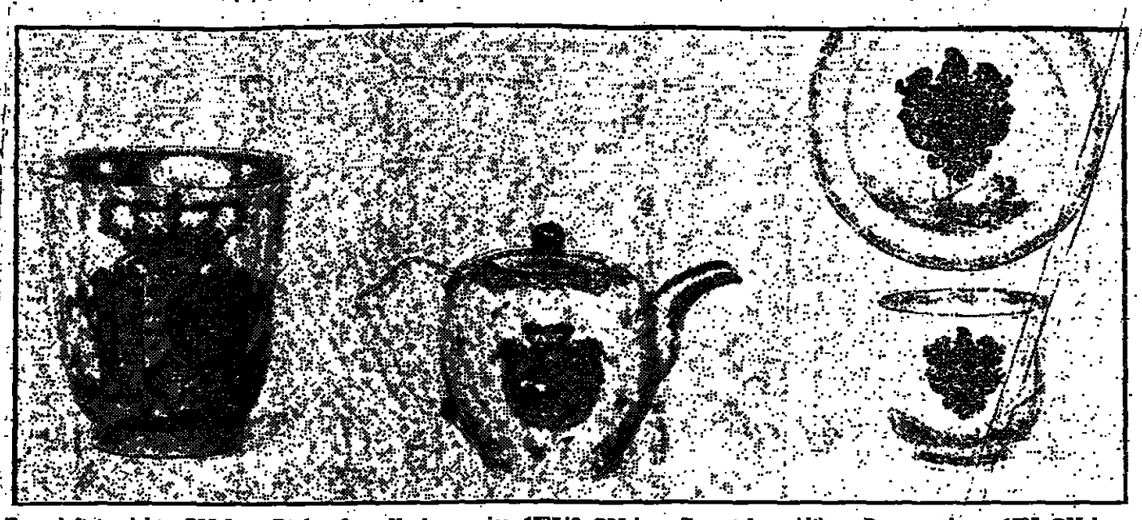
Following the gift to the King of Sardinia in 1725, the Italian link was strengthened by the marriage in 1738 of Augustus's daughter Amalia Christina to Carlo Borbone, King of Naples and the two Sicilies, who in 1759 became King of Spain. On their marriage they were lavished with porcelain services; indeed between May 9 and June 29, 1738, no fewer than 17 red leather cases were ready to be sent off from Dresden. The best known of these services is that decorated with "green" Watteau style figures, but a much rarer service is painted with harbour and quay scenes and the marriage arms.

Whether or not it was through these services being seen and admired that the fashion spread one cannot be sure, but, in 1741 a service was made for Pope Benedict XIV (Lambertini) and Venice seems to have gone to town ordering splendid tableware. Tiepolo, Pisani-Cornaro, Gradenigo, Contarini and Morosini are only a few of the families known by us to have had services. However, it should not be forgotten that Venice was on the direct porcelain route from Meissen, via Vienna, to Naples.

For anyone interested primarily in porcelain and also fascinated in heraldry and history, the collecting of Meissen armorial porcelain is very rewarding and, what makes it the more desirable, very decorative. There still exist services with unidentified arms, so that discoveries can still be made; and then, as inevitably services have been split up, it should be possible to put together pieces from most of the known services, except in very rare cases. There can be few better ready-made themes for collecting.

Kate Foster

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From left to right: ●Meissen Beaker from Naples service, 1737/8. ●Meissen Teapot from Althann-Daun service, c. 1735. ●Meissen Cup and Saucer from Morosini service, 1743. ●All available from Kate Foster Ltd, 17 Ryder Street, London SW1Y 6PY.

Gardening

Keep things cheerful with hardy annuals

is reported, how accurately I not know, that while sales vegetable seeds have soared the past two or three years, al sales of flower seeds have llen slightly. This is under-ndable for two reasons—ople are relying less on ring and summer bedding d more on permanent plant-gs of shrubs, roses and rennials; also, with the pid spread of garden centres, ey are buying boxes of seed-ngs rather than raising their n. They were cheerfully pay-g last year £1 a box of 35 ttuce seedlings when even e more expensive but easy to ndle pelleted lettuce seed sts only 20p a packet, which ould produce 130 lettuces.

It has often been said that edsmen make their money f the seedlings that are left the seed pan and never icked off—just as mustard akers profit comes from the ustard left on the side of the late. Obviously, when nursery-men buy their seeds of antirrhinums, petunias and other half hardy flowers in bulk to produce boxes of seedlings to sell to the amateur gardeners, they see to it that seed is not wasted. Hence we can understand the fall in total sales. Again, although pelleted seed may cost half as much again, or more, than ordinary seed, it is easy to sow at the final distance, thinning of the seedlings is eliminated, and consequently there is less waste of seed.

We are becoming so accustomed to "convenience" foods, prepacked prepared washed vegetables, and the like, it is small wonder that people have cheerfully paid £1.0 to £1.20 a box or more for half hardy annuals—this year they will cost nearer £1.50 a box. The owner of a heated greenhouse or frame can, of course, raise his own seedlings very economically, but those who have no such facilities might well consider making more use of hardy annuals that may be sown in situ.

I fear we have tended to neglect these cheerful flowers because seedsmen have spent so much of their time developing ever better strains of half hardy annuals which, in many cases, flower over a longer period. But many hardy annuals will flower for lengthy periods if the dead flowers are sedulously removed. Some, like calendulas, linarias, and the white, pink or purple alyssum, may be trimmed over with shears after flowering and produce in a good year even a third crop of blossoms.

The recently introduced *Tropaeolum* (nasturtium) 'Whirlybird' is a mixture of bright colours, and the flowers which do not have the characteristic back spur are held well clear of the foliage. We have been very pleased in recent years with the annual *Chrysanthemum* 'Catherine Wheels' mixture. It flowers gently all summer, and contains scarlet, orange, rose and pink shades usually banded with golden yellow—very effective, and also good for cutting.

The yellow, white tipped flowers of *Limnanthes douglasii*, and the large flat trumpet shaped rose flowers of *Lavatera* 'Loveliness' are also freely produced and, while very old favourites, could be more often grown. Good plants to take a show of colour late into the summer and early autumn are the modern sunflower mixtures such as 'Autumn Sunshine'. These come in blends of yellow, cream, brown and bronze.

Turning to half hardy annuals, there seems to have been a slowing up in the rate of novelty production. Antirrhinums and impatiens, or busy lizzies, are exceptions as much work has been done on breeding new forms. Indeed, some readers have complained that the names used to describe the new varieties of antirrhinums are very confusing—we now have Butterfly, azalea flowered, and penstemon flowered. The trend towards dwarfer and more compact plants continues with antirrhinums, as in many other plants.

My wife and I did not think we would like the open small trumpet or "penstemon" type antirrhinums, but we found them very attractive, much more so than the double flowered varieties—the doubleness is a bit of an exaggeration as it consists merely of the addition of a wispy petal or two to the traditional snapdragon shape flower.

The open flowered varieties 'Madame Butterfly', 'Wedding Bells', the dwarf 'Little Darling', the 'Pixie' hybrids, also dwarf, are all good mixtures. If you prefer the normal antirrhinum flower shape the 'Coronette' range of varieties and the mixture are outstanding. They dominated the trial at Wisley in 1974, and won several awards, including a first class certificate for the 'Crimson' variety and an award of merit for the mixture.

Another trial at Wisley in 1975 that surprised many visitors was that of pelargoniums (geraniums) of the zonal or bedding varieties raised from seed sown in January, to flower from June onwards in the same year. These new varieties breed remarkably true to colour and make really bushy free flowering plants.

There has been some development too with the spider flower *Cleome pungens*. In addition to the pink and white forms it is now possible to buy a mixture of carmine, rose, pink, lilac and purple shades.

Perhaps the most interesting trial of all at Wisley last year was of modern varieties of impatiens, or busy lizzies, grown in full sun.

Roy Hay

Jobs for January

Finish clearing up, gathering leaves, cutting down herbaceous plants, and removing the remains of spent vegetable crops to the compost heap.

Check all ties holding climbers to walls, poles, pergolas or fences, and renew if necessary. Be meticulous about clearing odd corners or hedge bottoms of leaves, weeds or other potential cover for slugs and snails.

Watch now for signs of mouse damage in stores, greenhouses or frames. Check all items in store once a fortnight—fruit, root vegetables, gladiolus and begonia corms, and dahlia tubers. Remove any showing signs of rotting. If dahlia tubers show signs of shrivelling put them in a bucket of tepid water indoors for about 24 hours, dry them off, and replace in the store.

If not done earlier, cover with a six inch layer of peat or bracken plants such as nerines, hardy fuchsias, *Amaryllis belladonna* and others which might suffer if we have a prolonged spell of hard weather.

Any forced bulbs of hyacinths, daffodils, crocuses or similar small bulbs should be planted out immediately they have finished flowering. If the weather is bad—with snow or frost—keep the bulbs indoors until it moderates, but keep the bulbs watered.

Arrange to have machines or tools serviced this month. If you have electrical equipment—mowers, hedge trimmer and the like, especially if they are mains operated—have them checked by an electrician. Insulation can break down in time.

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Food

Short and sweet

Shortbread holds a special place among my collection of recipes because it was one of the first things I ever learnt to make successfully. The preparation of a shortbread dough requires the light handling that you would afford a delicate pastry to ensure the crisp, melting texture that makes it so popular.

Unsalted butter gives shortbread a lovely flavour and a proportion of rice flour used in place of some of the flour provides the mixture with the attractive sandy texture. Ground rice is becoming difficult to find, but is still stocked in a few of the more expensive grocers' shops. Some say that you can use semolina instead, but Scottish cooks will recommend only the smallest amount because it really is too coarse and can make the texture gritty, most prefer to use all flour in the absence of any rice flour. No liquid or egg is included. The dough is a blend of butter, flour and a little sugar.

Legend has it that the version called Petticoat tails was originally baked by Mary Queen of Scots' cooks, in the shape of the court ladies' dresses. These delicious thin triangles of shortbread are world famous and are lovely to serve with a compote of fruit or with custard desserts.

Petticoat tails

Although the traditional method is described here, shortbread is so adaptable that it can be made on a modern electric mixer. Put all the ingredients in the mixing basin making sure that the butter is at room temperature. Mix on low speed, stopping the machine the minute the ingredients are blended together.

Makes 8 Petticoat tails

4oz plain flour;
2oz rice flour;
4oz unsalted butter;
2oz castor sugar.

Sift the flour and rice flour (or use 6oz plain flour) onto a pastry board. Cream the butter and sugar together and then add in a lump to the sifted flour. Keeping the butter in one piece, gently knead the ingredients together until all are blended. You must "clean the board", for the proportion of sugar and flour added is important to get the right texture in the finished recipe and the temptation is not to bother working in the last few bits.

With floured fingers or knuckles gently press the dough out to a circle of about eight inches. Or you can shape it very lightly with a rolling pin. Use a plate as a guide and then with floured fingers pinch round the edges to perfect the shape. Mark shortbread with a knife but do not cut through the dough. When baked the pieces should be broken to separate them, giving the traditional rough edges. With a three-inch round cutter make a circle in the centre and then mark into eight petticoat tails around. Prick the shortbread all over with a fork and then slide onto a baking tin. Since most baking tins have a raised edge it's advisable to bake the shortbread on the greased, upturned base.

Place the shortbread in a preheated slow oven (325 deg F or gas 3) and bake for 20 minutes. When cooked it should be crisp and very lightly coloured. Dust with castor sugar as you bring it from the oven and allow to cool on the baking tin so that it is beautifully crisp. When quite cold break each petticoat tail and arrange on a plate in the shape of the original cake.

Exactly the same mixture can be shaped into a round using a pretty *shortbread mould*. These moulds are made of wood with the shape for the shortbread carved but in the form of a circle with the traditional fanned edge and sometimes a thistle in the centre. A new shortbread mould should be rubbed over with oil once or twice, but a well used mould will have absorbed fat from the shortbread dough and will require no other preparation than a dusting of rice flour or flour before using. Tap the mould to shake out excess flour from the cracks and then, with the knuckles, press the shortbread mixture into the mould. Turn the mould over onto the baking tin, and a sharp rap or two will make the shortbread drop out onto the baking tin with the pretty indentations marked on the surface. Cook moulded shortbread as above, allowing about 30 minutes baking time.

There are some variations on shortbread recipes and the following one is not as professional as the previous mixture but it is mixed in a bowl, which is easier than the more traditional method of making it on a pastry board.

Shortbread fingers

In this case, the shortbread mixture is pressed into a tin which keeps the shape neatly during baking. The mixture is cut into fingers while hot.

Makes 12 fingers

4 oz plain flour;
2 oz cornflour;
2 oz icing sugar;
4 oz unsalted butter.

Sift together the flour, cornflour and icing sugar into a mixing bowl. Add the butter in one piece making sure that it is at room temperature and not cold from the refrigerator. Knead the butter gently into the sifted flour and sugar until all the ingredients are blended.

With floured knuckles, press the shortbread dough into a buttered 7in square baking tin. With floured fingers pinch the dough round the edges and then prick the surface all over with the prongs of a fork. Place in the centre of a slow oven (325 deg F or gas 3) and bake for 30 minutes. About 5 minutes before the end of the baking time, mark into fingers with a warm knife. Sprinkle with castor sugar as you take it from the oven, and allow to cool in the tin.

When quite cold shortbread should be wrapped in greaseproof paper and stored in an airtight tin. If it gets at all soft you can always crisp shortbread off in a warm oven for a few minutes.

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Putting US foreign policy under a microscope

The American bicentennial has come at a time when many Americans are trying to take a new look at their foreign policy to explain the successes and failures of recent years. One such look is in an article in the current issue of *Foreign Policy*, where Mr Richard Ullman, leading political scientist, traces American foreign policy attitudes to the beginnings of the republic, and identifies two main strands—the "Washingtonian" and the "Wilsonian".

The Washingtonian strand derives from George Washington's farewell address, in which he warned against foreign entanglements. The Wilsonian takes its name from Woodrow Wilson, and his belief in the need to spread democratic ideals, though Mr Ullman considers that it goes as far back as the other. Mr Ullman writes that after a Wilsonian period in the aftermath of the Second World War, Americans are now predominantly Washingtonian, and are taking an attitude, not so much of isolationism, as of detachment.

This he accepts, after the difficulties that the "Democratic crusades" led to. But he argues that there is still much of value in the Wilsonian strand, and that Americans should not be indifferent to the sort of political life that is carried on in foreign countries. Specifically, they should now try to disengage themselves from their commitments to a number of repressive regimes round the world, and avoid getting involved in new ones.

Mr Ullman makes an exception of South Korea, where an American withdrawal could lead to a major war or to the substitution of one repressive regime for another. But in other cases, he argues that "the physical security of the United States and of those other states for whom we feel primary security responsibility can only be very remotely tied to the maintenance in power of any of those regimes".

The quality of life in the United States, he maintains, "is indeed affected by the quality of life in other societies". So Americans should be clearer in their own minds about the intrinsic value to American society of preserving and maintaining healthy, working, genuinely democratic systems. The commitment to Western Europe, Japan, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, as well as to Israel, is in his view not just based on military considerations but on these other reasons.

The Washingtonian and Wilsonian strands had certain points in common from the beginning, he writes. Both were based on the premise that the American democratic experiment was unique, and that it was fragile. The difference then, as now, was over the best way to defend it, whether by keeping out of involvements in other parts of the world, or by trying to ensure that the outside world was fired by the same ideals.

In the years after the Second World War, it was the Wilsonian strand that predominated—even though there was hardly an external threat to American democracy. It led to the idea of huge payments of foreign aid to poor countries, in the hope that they would adopt the "third way", one which was neither totalitarian communism nor liberal capitalism, but democratic socialism.

It also led to the Americans giving their support to reactionary and repressive regimes provided they were anti-communist. Mr Ullman explains this feature of the Cold War as a distortion of Wilsonian principles. "We tolerated abuses of our principles by our allies under the assumption that they were necessary to protect embryonic democracy—such as South Vietnam's or South Korea's.

"We comforted ourselves by accepting cynical promises of future good behaviour on the part of our clients and by contending that right-wing authoritarianism—even of the most ruthless kind, as in Seoul or Saigon, or now in Santiago—was at least 'reversible', whereas once a communist regime comes to power it will never again allow genuine freedom of electoral choice."

This has been damaging in several different ways, Mr Ullman finds. It has eroded American credibility in the eyes of democrats in other countries—people who had once looked to the United States for enlightened leadership. It has also undermined support for their government's foreign policy from Americans themselves, who have come to distrust any pronouncements on such subjects from Washington.

At the same time over extension abroad, ostensibly designed to protect American democracy, has in fact had the opposite effect. "For the past two years, the American media has been filled with accounts of unconstitutional acts, in direct abridgement of the rights of American citizens, undertaken by agents of the executive from the President on down, all in the name of an endless campaign on behalf of 'freedom'."

The answer, in his view, is neither to indulge in extreme Wilsonian crusades nor to adopt the view that the political systems of other countries makes no difference to life in the United States. Understandably enough, he sees no danger of the first in the United States of today. But he argues strongly for taking more account of the political complexion of a country in determining American policies towards it.

Governments, he points out, have little use for dissent as such, no matter where it takes place. But Americans should be concerned about the preservation of systems in which it is possible because "the stifling of dissent in one society makes more difficult the life and work of dissenters in another".

Peter Strafford

What is religion without its mythology?

The third and last of three articles by Bishop Butler, Roman Catholic Vicar Capitular of the Westminster Diocese, in reply to the recent articles by Sir John Hick—"Changing views of the uniqueness of Christ" in The Times. *Bishop Butler's previous articles appeared on Nov 22 and Dec 6.*

How is one to choose between Professor Hick's reconstruction of Christian origins and the one I have advocated? It is easy to say that, since my own is orthodox and I am a professional Christian, I am probably biased. But it is easy to make the same charge against Professor Hick. He wants to get rid of the "uniqueness" of Christ for the sake of the wider ecumenism (on the Highest Common Factor principle criticized by Ronald Knox in *Reunion All Round*).

This is a motive extraneous to historical scholarship. Others want to do the same thing for less worthy motives, for example, to make what would be left of Christianity palatable to that strange, and chronically incoherent, amalgam, "the modern mind".

Demythologization has been with us for more than 150 years—it was not invented by Bultmann. It goes back to the Tübingen school of the early nineteenth century, but those considerable scholars realized that it would take more than a few months or years to metamorphose a merely human Jewish rabbi into a Redeemer consubstantial with the Absolute Mystery. They calculated that the process would take several generations and, consistently, sought to allocate the New Testament books to late dates in the second century.

Modern scholarship and fairly recent discoveries have made such late dating impossible. All the more important books of the New Testament are of the first century (except possibly the Gospel of Matthew and that of John in its present form; these may be as late as say AD105. The Gospel of John cannot be much later than 105 (and may be earlier), since a fragment from a copy of it has been found in Egypt, dated by papyrology to about AD125.

Professor Hick's demythologization is rendered improbable by these results of modern scholarship. Orthodox Christianity was not a very gradual corruption of a primitive non-metaphysical religious enthusiasm, in a process of individually imperceptible steps.

It was much more like a sudden mutation, immediately consequent upon the crucifixion of Jesus; or like an atomic explosion, coruscating in the briefest interval of time into a vast eye-catching and heart-moving pyrotechnic display.

What then of his entirely admirable desire to secure a basis for "ecumenical" dialogue with the other religions? First, I wish to say what, in my opinion, is that specific content of Christianity which Professor Hick has sought to remove from it. It has been summed up very simply by the author(s) of the Fourth Gospel: "God so loved the world that he sent his only-begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life". Now, if you can believe that, you can believe that God (who, according to the First Epistle of John, *is* love) has prepared the way for the Christian Good News by pouring his abundant grace on everyone of good will.

But if you cannot believe that, you may find yourself asking: What sort of God is this who has allowed the greatest religion the world has ever seen to entangle itself and compromise its credibility with an idolatrous myth? What sort of God has allowed the immediate disciples of Jesus, his companions before the crucifixion, to bamboozle us all with a fairy-story about his resurrection from the dead? A God who is love?

There is something more to be said. What becomes of the wider ecumenical project if Christianity is to be thus demythologized? Must not the other religions be demythologized too? But general and thorough-going demythologization spells the demise of historical religion. There will be nothing further for the religions to discuss together, and no one to discuss it.

We shall be left with a vague philanthropic humanism set against the background of a hypothetical God of love, easily to be transformed from an ontological ("metaphysical") reality into a Kantian regulative idea. Perhaps we should re-read Browning's *A Death in the Desert* (or even Bishop Blougram's *Apology*). Professor Hick may enjoy the poetic imagery.

Bishop B. C. Butler

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The extraordinary Chou, and his dream of the great leap forward into the year 2000

Peking:

The death of Chou En-lai is a huge landmark in the history of modern China. It is not only a symbolic landmark in the sense that his career spanned the Chinese revolution and influenced nearly all its vital stages, but also because of his unique personal qualities now lost for ever to a country which has by no means found the final answers to its problems.

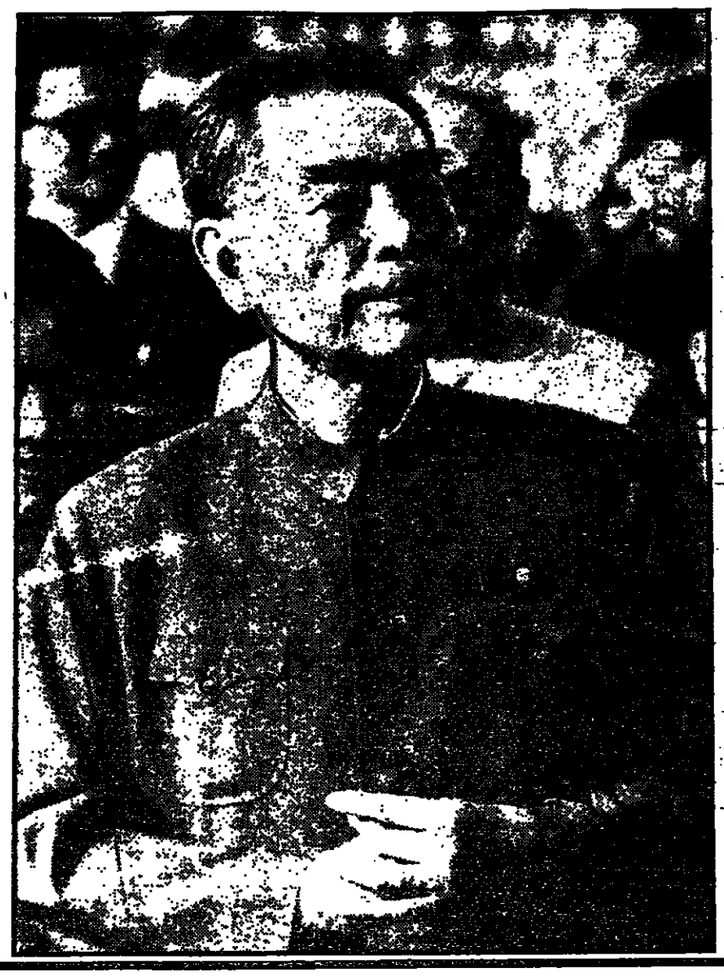
Chou was unique in that for 40 years he succeeded in keeping the confidence of Mao Tse-tung so that he was always able to put the stamp of his own administrative genius on the grand strategies which the Chairman worked out. No other Chinese leader managed to keep the credentials of his loyalty to the Chairman so intact for so long a period, and many a one fell into disgrace and obscurity as a result.

It was at the height of the cultural revolution in 1967-68 that Chou demonstrated most ably his talent for combining loyalty to the Chairman's ideas with a moderating influence on those who, as was later to be admitted, over interpreted them and carried out such excesses as the burning of the British Embassy in 1967. It is widely believed in Peking that only Chou's personal intervention saved the British staff and their dependants from still worse mishandling.

No single person in the present leadership can fill the gap left by Chou, even if his own role had dwindled rapidly over the past year as he fought his losing battle with cancer. Mr Teng Hsiao-ping is expected to be appointed Prime Minister—an office which he already fulfils in practice. But Mr Teng, though clearly a gifted administrator and a strong personality, does not have the personal magnetism which almost everyone who met Chou remarked on. The cloud of seven years' disgrace still hangs over his political past. He is not regarded as a creative ideologue and his ability to mould the Chairman's often difficult ideas to the existing reality is sure to be less than Chou's.

The most likely candidate for the role of chief interpreter of the Chairman's thoughts is Mr Chang Chun-chiao, a party theorist who played in Shanghai a moderating role in the cultural revolution which in a small way reflected what Chou achieved at the national level. But Mr Chang's talents as an administrator and statesman have yet to be proved. The other man who seems to be rising rapidly in the new collective leadership under Chairman Mao is Mr Hua Kuo-feng, the Minister of Public Security, who also has important responsibilities in the vital sphere of agriculture.

Whether these men, together with Mrs Chiang ching, Chairman Mao's wife, the left-leaning ideologue, Mr Yao Wen-yuan, and Mr Li Hsien-nien, the Deputy Prime Minister responsible for economic affairs and finance, can work as an effective team or whether they will end up by pulling in different directions, on one can yet say with certainty. The history of collective leadership in China does not give grounds for optimism.



Another sphere in which Chou's talents will be missed is that of foreign relations. The only person who at present seems to match him in intellectual appreciation of world affairs and in diplomatic urbanity is Mr Chiao Kuan-hua, the Foreign Minister, and he is not even a member of the Politburo. The most important issue which they will all have to tackle is the correct strategy for China's development into a "powerful modern socialist country" by the year 2000.

One of Chou's last public acts was to announce this goal at the Fourth National People's Congress a year ago. Some would say that China is already such a country, but the leaders obviously consider that it falls far short. There are two main concepts of how China should approach her developmental problem. One is that she should go all out for technological progress, especially in heavy industry and defence, even if it means a danger of the kind of uneven development and social inequality which China condemns in the Soviet Union.

It is of course heretical to propound such a course openly in China today, but as the official press frequently confirms, it has its adherents in high places and may well hold sway again if Chairman Mao's teachings are not closely followed.

The other essential concept—contrary to what is often thought—is deeply conservative in Chinese terms. It is rooted in a political tradition which antedates Marx by more than two millennia, and it is an irony of history that those who pursue it most vociferously are classed nowadays as "radicals". This concept is that the precondition for political stability is a prosperous and contented peasantry, trained in self defence and organized into militias; that commerce for profit is to be discouraged; that a unified ideology is essential in any state; and that music and the arts should serve social and moral rather than aesthetic purposes.

Certain modern aspects of this general concept of the state are novel—for instance, that the intellectuals should take part in manual labour—but they are means to the same end rather than an expression of ends different from the ancient Chinese idea.

It may be a tribute to the foresight of Chairman Mao, or it may be pure coincidence, that this concept was accepted as orthodox in China only a few years before the industrial world entered its present crisis. None the less the Chinese are acutely aware of the need to pursue advanced technology if only to counter the supposed military threat from the Soviet Union.

The recent debate in Peking's two big universities about how best to organize higher education is a miniaturized version of the general debate which affects all spheres of policy in China: whether to go for a solid base or an advanced superstructure, or what combination of the two is most desirable. Chou's particular gift was to seem to have struck a balance in his own mind and in his style of administration.

But it may be that the inherent contradiction would have defeated even him in time. What remains to be seen is how the men who succeed him will set about resolving it.

David Bonavia

Why American soccer is an upper-class game

Sportsview

It has always been puzzling, annoying even, to contemplate America's indifference to soccer. All that athletic talent, all that business enterprise, all that money—surely something could be done, ought to be done, to wed all that to soccer?

There have, of course, been moments when it looked as though the marriage was about to happen. In 1916, perhaps, when big American companies such as Bethlehem Steel set up a professional league and began importing top Scottish players; or 1930 when the United States reached the semi-finals of the first World Cup; or 1950, year of that famous 1—0 World Cup win over England. But these and other historic soccer moments passed virtually unnoticed by the average American. It was not until 1967 that there came, at long last, signs of interest.

In that year, not one but—typical Yankee excess—two new professional leagues burst on to the American soccer scene. After two years of almost slapstick operation (one recalled the referee wired with a buzzer that told him when to stop the game so that television could fit in a commercial) the venture collapsed.

And so to 1976, year of America's 200th birthday—and, it would seem, of yet another Birth of American Soccer. Information crosses the Atlantic and arrives characteristically garbled. Millwall manager Gordon Jago, we are told, was offered £30,000 to become the United States national coach. He was not. The figure was 35,000—dollars, not pounds. The exaggeration, amounting almost to a determination to misunderstand the American soccer scene, is typical.

There is, certainly, a mild boom going on in American soccer—but the place is not yet a soccer El Dorado for players and coaches. Is there any reason, then, to treat this new flurry of activity any more seriously than the previous manifestations? There is. A lesson was learnt in 1968: soccer could not be imposed from the top alone, it needed growth and interest at the grass roots level too. That growth has been going on steadily—in some areas explosively—for eight years now.

Soccer is in the process of becoming a sport widely played by Americans at high school and college. It is becoming part of the mainstream of the American sports scene. But it is a newcomer, not—as it has always been everywhere else in the world—the traditional sport. It is fighting for a place alongside three established sports—baseball, basketball and grid-football.

In America soccer does not have the luxury of decades in which to develop unchallenged and uncharted. If it is to claim its share of the "leisure dollar" its growth has to be rapid, and it has to be planned. Professional soccer, in particular, has to be run on businesslike lines.

The North American Soccer League, headed by former Welsh international Phil Woosnam, believes it has the plan that will bring success to soccer. It is a plan that calls, above all else, for financial stability. The model for the plan comes not from English soccer (heavens, no!), nor indeed from soccer anywhere. It comes from American grid-football, the super-success sport of the 1960s and 70s.

American soccer is organized the American way. Rich individuals, or groups, purchase from the NASL franchises allowing them to operate a team, unopposed, within a certain geographical area. Research studies will have shown that the area is a "good market". In other words it has enough people and enough money to support a team, and to attract television interest.

There is no promotion and relegation. Once an owner has bought his franchise, he is allowed as long as he likes (or if things go wrong, as long as he can take the losses) to make a success of it. An NASL franchise that cost $25,000 in 1974 will cost $250,000 in 1976, another indicator of the soccer boom. Grid-football's franchises cost around $16m.

American soccer will be a sport with a heavily orchestrated public relations campaign to make sure that it gets into the news as often as possible and in as favourable a light as possible. One of the surest and quickest ways of getting publicity is through superstars—hence the interest in signing colourful players with publicity value such as Pele, George Best and Rodney Marsh, and hence the NASL's delight when Elton John put money into their Los Angeles club.

Ultimately, the whole edifice of successful big-time professional soccer in the States will depend on the same thing as has been largely responsible for grid-football's present affluence: television. That is where the big money comes from, and soccer has quite a way to go here. In 1975 the NASL sold the rights to its championship game to one of the national networks for $15,000. The same year all three networks were televising grid-football games regularly throughout the season—a privilege for which they paid the sport a total of $40m.

It is by these, admittedly commercial, criteria that the current progress of American soccer must be judged, not by comparison with the way that things are done in England. The NASL has looked at world soccer and has seen a sport that is everywhere facing money problems. Understandably, they feel that the creation of a solid economic base must be their first concern. When that is accomplished, they believe the rest will follow. "By 1985", says Phil Woosnam, 90 per cent of the world's best players will be playing in the United States."

Paul Gardner



Pele: maximum publicity through the super-stars.

Mr Jenkins cannot afford more Home Office 'accidents'

George Hutchinson

To many attainments Mr Roy Jenkins must now add an unenviable distinction. He is the head of what is probably the least competent department in Whitehall. He has been there before, moreover: this is his second time round as Home Secretary. Today he stands accused of presiding over one of the most muddled, slack, slow-moving, narrow and generally inefficient administrations known in the public service.

The "clerical error" by which the Home Office miscalculated the number of Commonwealth immigrants in 1973 is, of course, unacceptable and unpardonable: 17,000 instead of 86,000. I have met nobody who is not shocked by the disclosure, for which we have Mr Enoch Powell to thank.

Not that Mr Jenkins can be blamed for the mistakes of that particular year: Labour was not in office in 1973, and responsibility lies with the Heath Government. What Mr Jenkins can and ought to be blamed for is the perpetuation of a system still tending to concealment or at best a lack of clarity and candour. Just as the public has a right to know, the department has a duty to tell.

Something is much amiss in the Home Office. There seems to be a lack of supervision, a failure of control. Lord Windlesham, one of the best (and youngest) members of Mr Heath's Cabinet, found it "a department which could be slow-moving and ponderous, rather defensive on matters of internal organization, and more than a little reluctant to alter direction".

He was there as minister of state, and in his book *Politics in Practice* (Jonathan Cape, £5) he has other criticisms to make. "Despite the efforts of successive Home Secretaries", he writes, "it is still a matter of public reproach that the average time taken by the Home Office to answer a letter from a member of Parliament is between three and four weeks, while members of the public have to wait even longer."

Lord Windlesham might have written more strongly. He was too mild. By now it must be painfully apparent to Mr Jenkins that his officials are not to be relied upon. After recent experience we can have no real faith in their information, as Mr Powell has been saying for some time. Is it simply because they cannot count? What is the source of this strange incapacity?

Whatever the explanation, Mr Powell's charge is abundantly vindicated. The pity is that the Conservative front bench has been less alert than its absent member.

If Mr Jenkins has one urgent duty, it is to reform the Home Office. His advisers (if that is the term for them) have lately let him down in the television licence affair. As we now discover, we have all been let down over immigration, given that we would like to know the reality instead of just guessing. Worse will no doubt follow unless Mr Jenkins can put his department in order. He has great aspirations. They can hardly be furthered by an accident-prone Home Office.

It was suggested in *The Spectator* a week or two ago that Mr Heath would be a suitable—even admirable—successor to Mr Selwyn Lloyd as Speaker of the House of Commons. This is undoubtedly true. The qualities and qualifications are there, if he felt inclined to accept the office.

Mr Heath will be 60 in July. If he were to spend five years as Speaker he could then withdraw to the Lords at 65, there to continue his long service in the Palace of Westminster.

He must recognize that he cannot regain the Conservative leadership. Nor is there likely to be a national government or coalition in which he might take part: the weight of probability is quite against it. Nobody wants it, so to speak—not Mr Wilson, not Mrs Thatcher. It is a pipedream, and a fading one at that.

The Speaker's is an elective office of influence and importance (accompanied, incidentally, by a rather fine house). Who better to occupy it than Mr. Heath—an Addington in reverse?

□ By way of postscript I append an item of intelligence calculated to gladden many a Tory heart (and perhaps others as well). In the fullness of time, and given the authority of office, Mrs Thatcher will probably restore hereditary peerages.

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Living in the teeth of a force 10 gale

News of last weekend's gales travelled fast, but Ion Trewin was in London and it was not until Thursday that he saw how north-west Norfolk, where he has his cottage, had been devastated

"I have never been so frightened in all my life." Sally, our neighbour up the river bank, was in no way dramatizing the gales that gusted to 105 mph over north Norfolk.

The north-west wind blew up suddenly. Being on the east bank of the River Great Ouse our cottages took the full force, and inevitably something had to give: both houses began to shed pantiles. In itself this should not be disastrous as the waterproof felt underlay at least stops the rain getting in. But when 3lb pantiles are picked up by the wind and flung around as if they were nothing more than featherdown, anything that gets in the way is certain to be damaged. Thus it was with our neighbours' house. Windows were shattered in their lean-to porch. There were moments when they thought that the wind, now that it was swirling around inside as well as out, would lift the porch roof right off. All attempts at barricading the gaping windows with boxes proved hopeless. The wind merely sucked them into maelstrom outside.

Their car was parked in the cul-de-sac that runs at right angles to the Ouse between our houses. Bob decided that it ought to be moved to the lee of the house, but his problem was how to safeguard against decapitation from flying tiles outside. Finally he emerged, helmeted in a bucket, only to find that his car had already suffered a pounding: the bonnet dented and scratched from the flying tiles. Further inspection outside showed that their garden gates, large and seemingly indestructible, had been torn from their substantial posts. Upstairs the floor of one of their children's bedrooms was visibly quivering. Finally at about one in the morning the wind appeared to subside, although it was to give several cathartic gusts during the night.

At first light the damage could be properly surveyed. We had fared less badly than our neighbours, having lost only four pantiles, but the TV aerial hung drunkenly, held only by one bracket and the co-axial cable, part of the gutter at the rear had fallen and a brick was missing from one of the chimneys. In the garden a fence which I had put up only last October had lost two complete panels.

News of the gale's toll began to circulate. Trees were down everywhere, and all roads into King's Lynn near by were reported blocked; our local market gardener had lost one complete glasshouse (a source of particularly tasty tomatoes last summer), and the news from farther afield was that other farmers had fared worse. But help was readily at hand, as it always seems to be in west Norfolk. Good neighbourliness appears to be inbred, which, as we were in London, was much to our advantage. Sally phoned, reported on the devastation, but told us not to worry. Builders provided emergency repairs with a speed and reliability that no longer seems obtainable in the metropolis.

As North Norfolk tidied up a new hazard emerged—flooding. Memories of the 1953 inundations were kindled after a red alert warning was broadcast. The Ouse reached 29 feet at King's Lynn. It was estimated locally that water rose at least one foot higher than in 1953 but thanks to the flood banks erected soon afterwards, there was still a safety margin of about four feet. Without that bank our village would undoubtedly have been flooded.

Travelling around north-west Norfolk one could see that we escaped the worst. "Devastation and chaos" were the words used by our local newspaper to describe Snettisham beach on the east side of the Wash near Sandringham. The remains of caravans and chalets were everywhere. But inventiveness, as always seems the case in times like these, was to the fore. Struggling to prevent a bungalow roof from being torn away, two couples secured it with ropes, not just to the ground, but to a Land Rover for extra weight. Roof and car were both intact next morning.

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SHAPING A CHINESE COMPROMISE

To the last Mr Chou En-lai's life was one of willing self-sacrifice and devotion for China. Had he died two years ago the conflicts within the Peking leadership following his death might have been much more damaging than now seems possible. At the beginning of 1974 the oddly labelled anti-Lin Piao and anti-Confucius campaign was reviving the bitter quarrels of the cultural revolution. An ideological struggle of the kind Chairman Mao relished, but of which China had suffered too many, had been set in motion. Fortunately Mr Chou the shrewd and tireless conciliator was able to steer the country away from danger. Throughout 1975 direction at the centre steadily grew more firm and better directed to the right priorities as all the powers formerly exercised by Mr Chou were taken up by Mr Teng Hsiao-ping.

In January of last year a meeting of the party central committee and the holding of the long-delayed National People's Congress drew a line under the era of the cultural revolution and assured Mr Teng of authority: in the party—as a newly elected vice-chairman; in the administration—as acting Prime Minister; and in the army—as chief of staff. The fact that this last appointment has not yet been made public in China and that Chairman Mao was absent from both these occasions was evidence enough however that even if compromises had been made deep-seated differences were still unresolved.

It would be fruitless to expose these differences by reference to personalities. Not merely because we are ignorant of the relationships and the process of decision-making in China but because the issues are such that the personalities on either side may differ and that individuals change sides—Chairman Mao included. Only over one choice among those that have faced China since 1949 does the answer seem clear: China will not be part of an international communist movement. Chairman Mao was bolstered more by hope than expectation when he went to Moscow at the end of 1949 to seek an alliance with the Soviet Union—even though he was then willing to accept Stalin's leadership. There will be—and may even be at this moment—moves towards improved state relations with the Soviet Union; but the idea of a communist block has been dismissed and seems unlikely to be resuscitated. China has the confidence to stand alone.

That unwillingness to seek allies in itself illumines the major question: will there be a China regenerating itself by its own efforts, exemplifying its own values, evolving its own economic and political ways; confident, strong, seeking the respect of the world but rejecting too close an engagement with it? Or will there be a China determined to be second to no power in the world and accepting all the international commitments that such modernization will require? Such a choice is not after all one posed only by the communist success of 1949. Essentially it has been a conflict argued over in the longer and broader revolution to which China has been committed ever since the end of the old order in 1911.

This twentieth century revolution, in which all senior leaders in the Chinese communist movement were as much engaged as any other Chinese patriots, has been characterized paradoxically by one acute observer of modern Chinese history as a "revolution against the world to join the world". In the days of Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang rule and in the early period of the Chinese Communist Party's rule—prolonged as this period was by United States "containment" of China—the first half of the paradox was most manifest. The battle for Chinese rights was fuelled by the urgent temper of Chinese nationalism. Only in the past five years has China felt free to join the world and found also sufficient welcome from the world.

The difficulty in analysing this choice is in understanding its Chinese and revolutionary context. As our Peking correspondent explains in his article on the opposite page moderate and radical in right-left western terms can be misleading categories. To revert to personalties it might be said that Mr Chou En-lai fought the battle against the world without ever doubting that China should join it; whereas Chairman Mao, while veering towards the world, and always ready to learn from it or to use it in China's interests, has found his own creative impulse to be most fruitful in the reordering of Chinese society. He is a man as much anchored to the Chinese past and to Chinese ways as he is to his own dream of a revolutionary future.

In its simplest definition the twentieth century revolution in China made equality with the intruding and conquering west its goal. A China strong enough in its own defence, rich enough by its economic advance, modern enough by its scientific progress, admired enough as a civilized equal of any country. Since 1949 China's Government has won support among the Chinese people in making such advances. Much of the political theory to which they are attributed or the irksome disciplines imposed have been accepted for that reason. On this foundation Chairman Mao has sought to build the revolutionary China that he conceives to be in keeping with Chinese values and it proves more often to be a China that rejects the world rather than one that joins it. In its extreme manifestations it has seemed xenophobic, regarding revolutionary purity almost as an end in itself. In other forms the marriage of urban and rural, the preference for the small against the large, the insistence upon equality and a modest frugality have won admiration.

Nevertheless the choice between a Chinese way and the rejection of the world, opposed to a China joining the world can, to an outside view, only seem a false one. By their intrusion into China in the nineteenth century the western powers forced upon China a consciousness of a world that China had ignored—at least for the preceding six centuries. Ever since that confrontation the Chinese have been bound to join this world. What is at issue is the time it will take to work out a compromise, to find a balance between a necessary Chineseness and a comfortable internationalism. It was Mr Chou En-lai's virtue that his knowledge and experience of the world gave him confidence that China could attain that end. China has suffered in the past decade when the argument has sometimes been conducted in terms of revolutionary righteousness set against corrupting revisionism. Perhaps it will now be continued in less damaging ways under the direction of Mr Teng Hsiao-ping's blunt pragmatism.

MODEST REALISM ABOUT MONEY

Yesterday's agreement at the Kingston meeting of the International Monetary Fund has few of the obvious hallmarks of a great settlement which goes down in history, in the way that the Bretton Woods Agreement shaped two decades after the war. In spite of promises of closer cooperation between Central Banks in their activities in the currency markets, the change from the system we have known in recent years, in which parities are allowed to vary in response to market pressures, will be almost imperceptible. Some of the gold in the vaults of the IMF will be sold off, but it will remain a precious metal and a number of countries at least will continue to hold it as an important part of their national reserves and hope that it will play a role in the monetary order of the future. And, in the Fund itself, the preponderance of the United States and other western nations will continue even though new voting arrangements will give a greater say to the oil producing countries who have become the new rich of the world system.

The fact that little has changed, however, should not lead one to the conclusion that nothing has been achieved. This is particularly true of the work of the Finance Ministers in their efforts over the past two years to achieve monetary reform. What we have now is a system which combines the flexibility of floating rates with the legitimacy which previously went with fixed parities. Although the new Articles of the IMF call for a return to stable parities at some time in the future, they do not specify any date for that action.

In a world in which currencies must adjust their value relative to one another, it is better to build such adjustments into the system than to try to outlaw them in the sure knowledge that such policies can only bring the rules into contempt. This is why the legalization of floating, which is the effective result of the new IMF rules, is to be welcomed. The international monetary system is now trying to channel economic forces in the international monetary field rather than to defy them.

A similar sense of realism is shown in the decision to sell off some of the Fund's stock of gold and distribute the proceeds to poorer countries through a specially constituted Trust Fund. Whatever the merits of using gold as the basis of the world monetary system, it clearly does not play such a role at the moment. It equally clearly makes little sense to include large quantities of the metal in the Fund's reserves at a price which is so conspicuously below the price which it commands in the free market. Both supporters and opponents of the idea that gold should play a part in the monetary system can welcome the sale of some of the Fund's gold and the return of a portion of it to the Central Banks which originally paid it in.

The increase in the Fund's quotas, and also in the borrowing rights of its members, might at first sight seem to be a more controversial aspect of the agreement. The world is still suffering from a hugely damaging inflation which has put at risk the very foundation of our societies. It would clearly be wrong, at a moment when the admittedly unpalatable medicine of recession is beginning to be effective, to introduce a new dose of the disease by increasing liquidity.

Yet this is what the effect of the Jamaica agreement could be unless the industrialized nations recognize the extra responsibilities which are imposed upon them as a result of the concessions which have been made in response to the demands of the developing nations. These countries are already facing such extremes of poverty that it would be wrong to expect them to reduce their living standards even further to cope with their balance of payments problems. It is right to ease their burden, but the West must accept that this means an even tighter policy at home than would otherwise be followed.

It would be cruel charity indeed which lent the poorer nations of the world money with which they paid for our exports if at the same time we were fuelling a new inflation of the kind which has done so much to hurt developing countries in recent years. If we remember that lesson, then the agreement at Kingston, unheroic though it may seem, will go down in history as one of the decisive indicators of the turn towards realism which is the essential ingredient in building a more stable and prosperous world.

Foreign Service allowances

From Mrs Maureen Wilton

Sir, Mr Rupert Evans continues to go on about boarding school allowances for members of the Diplomatic Service. May I state, at the outset, what it is that members of the service get? They are paid a part, not the whole, of the cost of sending their children to a boarding school in the United Kingdom. Because of doctrinal objections to paying tax-free allowances to people at home the sum while they are at home may be three times as great as while they are abroad but they never touch the additional money: it is added on and taken off again before anything at all is paid into their banks.

Why should they get even part of the cost of educating their children in the United Kingdom paid for? Because there is no alternative which would not cost more and produce worse results. Since our children began to go to school in 1956 my husband and I have served in eight different posts—twice in London and six times abroad. In some places there were schools; in others there were not. Where there were schools the cost was often higher than that of a boarding school in the United Kingdom. How ought we to have set about educating our children?

There is, of course, one obvious solution: to restrict entry into the Diplomatic Service to those with sufficient private means to enable them to serve anywhere in the world without having to bother about such trifles as the cost of giving their children uninterrupted education. But I thought that Mr Bevin's reforms after the war were intended to remove the need for that sort of discrimination.

Yours sincerely
MAUREEN WILTON,
Summersdale House,
The Drive,
Chichester,
Sussex.
January 8.

Police courtesy

From Mr J. D. Singh

Sir, A journalist's normal reporting routine is concerned so much with death and disaster, crises and catastrophe that I would for a change like to share with your readers a refreshing experience of mine.

It happened on the first Saturday of the new year. I was waiting in the small reception hallway of the Acton Town police station as a relation I had accompanied was being interviewed for a traffic offence when an old couple arrived. They had no food in the house ("just a bit of cheese and half a loaf") and no money. The local social security office was closed till Monday and the sick money the old man was expecting from the firm in Regent Street he worked with part time had not arrived.

The officer on duty, a courteous and helpful man, went into action immediately. He made a few telephone calls and eventually got through to the manager of the Regent Street firm and arranged with him for some money to be paid to the old man from the local branch of the firm. When the old man said he did not even have the bus fare the officer dipped into his own pocket and handed him a coin with the remark: "Let this be on me." The old man returned after half an hour, beaming with relief, and handed back the coin to the officer, who then put it into the collection box.

The police around the world are accused of so much cruelty and callousness—often with good reason—that I thought an act of kindness and compassion such as this should go some way to correct the image.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. SINGH,
London Correspondent,
The Times of India,
30A District Road,
Wembley, Middlesex.
January 5.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inheritance of tenant farms

From Mr John Gorst, Conservative MP for Barnet, Hendon, North

Sir, At a time when the inheritance of property is under constant attack by both front and backbench socialists, it is quaint (to put it mildly) to discover a small cell of Labour MPs who are proposing to extend the heredity principle into previously uncharted regions—namely into the inheritance of occupations.

Without fuss or propaganda three revolutionary northerners are seeking to amend the innocent-sounding Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill which is, at present jogging its way through its Committee Stage in the House of Commons. If their amendment is accepted, and the minister responsible for the Bill seems inclined to accept it, the following consequences will ensue:

Overnight, the families of existing tenants will acquire the exclusive privilege to continue farming their tenancy for ever and ever.

At a stroke, the nation will not only select its next generation of farmers, but it will also appoint certain élite families to become the country's farmers for all time.

Simultaneously, institutional investment in agriculture will surely dry up, as investors come to realize that their money is in the hands of a privileged élite over whom they have virtually no control.

So far, the only paid hereditary occupation known in this country is, I believe, the monarchy. It is interesting that this radical, nationalizing, socialist Government should now have turned its attention to this new, and unexpected, version of "jobs for the boys".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GORST,
House of Commons.
January 7.

Paying for sewerage

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter

Sir, There is a simple and fair answer to the problem posed in your article "General Tax or Special Charge" (January 9). That is for the sewerage rate to be made general by competently drafted legislature and for the water authorities to be placed under a statutory obligation to supply without further charge equivalent services to the sewerless to those they provide for the sewered.

My own sewerless house in the country requires to have its sewerage pit cleared twice a year. It is plainly unfair that I should have to pay for this myself and on top of this contribute to the cost of other people's sewers. Your own argument that it is in my interest that the local town should not pollute itself also supports the proposition that it is in its interest that I should not pollute the countryside.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
BOYD-CARPENTER,
House of Lords.
January 9.

Other countries' business

From Mrs Anne Fawcett

Sir, I find your letter from Sir Charles Taylor (January 7) quite shocking.

Would he really think that a woman, a doctor and a Christian should fail to help another human being if it were in her power to do so?

Is it fair that in his letter, by implication, he associates action such as Dr Cassidy's with that of terrorists, hijackers and kidnappers?

Very deeply I hope that our Foreign Office will continue to support courageous and humane people whoever and wherever they may be, rather than "wash their hands of them" and "pass by on the other side".

Yours sincerely—but I hope not sentimentally,
ANNE FAWCETT,
The Mill House, Ickleton,
Saffron Walden,
Essex.
January 7.

Price of potatoes

From Mr N. D. Cadbury

Sir Mr Byron Jones (letters, January 8) should treat the claim by farmers, that they are only receiving a small share of the increase in the price of potatoes, with scepticism.

As manufacturers of the instant potato competitor, Smash, we purchased approximately 60,000 tons of potatoes direct from farmers and are having to pay as least five times the price we paid for last season's crop.

The recommended consumer price of our product has risen by 52.6 per cent in the past 12 months which has been made possible by the proportionately much smaller increase in our large manufacturing costs.

However, the answer to Mr Byron Jones's point is that the alternative to a much increased potato price would have been rationing and consequently the development of a black market.

Yours faithfully,
N. D. CADBURY, Chairman,
Cadbury Typhoo Limited,
PO Box 171,
Franklin House,
Bournville,
Birmingham.
January 8.

Women's investment income

From Mrs Hilda M. Stowell

Sir, Married women with an earned income are certainly looking to the Treasury for the reform of income tax regulations. At present a married woman is permitted to handle the payment of income tax on her earned income. But when she invests part of that income in shares her investment income becomes her husband's liability.

The harmony of married life in this country should no longer be disturbed by such blatant discrimination against men.

Yours faithfully,
HILDA M. STOWELL,
Durley Lodge,
Durley, Southampton.
January 3.

Restraining violence in Ulster

From Sir Gilbert Longden

Sir, It is now incontestable that both Conservative and Labour administrations have, in that part of the United Kingdom called Ulster, failed in the first duty of government which is to protect the lives and property of HM's subjects, and that, in spite of three valuable assets: the tremendous courage and patience of the armed forces there; a bi-partisan policy; and the sympathetic, if not always effective, cooperation of the Dublin Government.

How much longer are we to tolerate these self-inflicted wounds? (How long would they be tolerated in other countries, e.g. the Soviet Union?) Your leader today (January 7) suggests a next step which should surely be tried. May I venture to repeat some other proposals which I made three or four years ago, when still in the House of Commons?

Now, as then, I take as axiomatic that Ulster is as much a part of the United Kingdom as are England, Scotland and Wales; that both parties are pledged that it shall so remain as long as the majority there so wish; and that therefore, though most of us would dearly like to see Ireland united, no British Government could till then honourably contemplate withdrawal.

But I think the time is overdue for a radical and far-reaching step—namely, the re-alignment of the "Border". Since it must now be considered incontrovertible that the fanaticism of both "Loyalists" and Roman Catholics prevents their living together in amity as do their coreligionists elsewhere in the United Kingdom—and indeed also in Eire—they had better be physically separated by ceding, in agreement with Dublin, parts of Armagh, Fermanagh and Tyrone to the Republic.

The transference of Catholics north of the new frontier who opted for Irish citizenship, and of loyalists south of it who wished to move into the new Ulster, should be speedily facilitated with fully adequate compensation. But those who did remain in, or moved into, the new Ulster shall accept to be governed in the same way as their fellow-citizens in the rest of the United Kingdom, ie, by county and district councils and with full representation in the Westminster Parliament.

The new frontier would thus be more easily defensible and, in return for this cession of territory, the Government and people of Eire should be asked to give their wholehearted cooperation in eradicating those members of the two communities who have "the heart of a beast in the place of a man's heart"; and to grant us the right to pursue them across the frontier and so defeat the long-standing "tip-and-run" method of escaping retribution.

Meanwhile, "we are at war"; and surely every citizen of Ulster should before this have had to carry an identity card. Moreover, it has long been my view that, until effective protection can be provided for the law-abiding citizen, he should be permitted to carry arms in self-defence. The murderers, Protestant and Catholic, can get all the arms they want; they might think twice before entering a pub or a private house, or ambushing a bus, if they knew that every one of their potential victims was also armed. It would put a stop to the quite sickening daily spectacle of so many getting away with murder.

Yours sincerely,
GILBERT LONGDEN,
89 Cornwall Gardens, SW7.

Railway conversion

From Mr Gabriel Roth

Sir, Your issue of December 17 is of special interest to students of British transport. On page one you reported the findings of the Hall-Smith study, that £30m a year could be saved by converting six East Anglian railway lines into roads or "busways". On the letter page the chairman of the British Railways Board asks you to substantiate your statement that British Railways "are prepared if necessary to mislead the Civil Service". Mr Richard Marsh may wish to comment on the following episode which, as it happens, is also about a proposal to convert a railway to a road.

In the autumn of 1966 a public inquiry was held on alternative routes for a by-pass road to relieve Esher of its A3 traffic. One of the proposals made was to convert the Guildford-Cobham-Surbiton railway line into a road that would link the Kingston and Guildford by-passes, to relieve not only Esher but also Cobham and Ripley. British Railways (as reported in *The Daily Telegraph* on October 6 1966) stated that the line was operated without loss, and the Ministry of Transport thereupon instructed its inspector to refuse to entertain the proposal to convert it to a road.

However, as soon as the 1968 Transport Act allowed British Railways to claim grants for "providing specific uneremunerative services which meet a social need", £16.5m were claimed to support lines in London and the SE area, including the Guildford-Surbiton line, in 1969. These subsidies are still being claimed—and received.

On its own, this episode would be of little consequence, but it provides a good illustration, in miniature, of the condition of British land transport today. The A3 road between the Kingston and Guildford by-passes is still absurdly inadequate for the traffic it carries; people living along it suffer heavily from through traffic; the Guildford to Surbiton railway right-of-way is reserved for trains which can utilize only a small fraction of its potential capacity, and hence needs substantial assistance from public funds; and proposals for quick, modest remedies are turned down in favour of long-term, expensive ones.

British Railways hold a unique network of transport rights-of-way. There is evidence that substantial portions of its loss-making main line network are underutilized and suitable for conversion to limited access (motorway style) roads. Conversion of appropriate lines would allow the diversion of road transport from congested all-purpose roads to motorway-style ones, with consequent savings in accidents, fuel, environmental pollution, and other costs. Furthermore, railway workers who now face an uncertain future could be offered continuing employment in an expanding industry—road transport.

It is to be hoped that Mr Crosland's overall transport policy review will put the onus on the railways to show why they should be allowed to continue to hold on to scarce resources that could be used more productively by others.

Yours faithfully,
GABRIEL ROTH,
4815 Falstone Avenue,
Chevy Chase,
Maryland 20015 USA.
December 31.

Equal pay for women

From Professor T. A. Roberts

Sir, British Universities were among the first institutions to give equal pay to their men and women teachers. This occurred immediately after the Second World War. On introducing equal pay the universities also operated a system of family allowances, with grants of £50 pa for each child. Presumably this was to compensate the family man who had additional financial responsibilities to meet.

Since its introduction, two things have happened to the University family allowance scheme. First, the amount of the child allowance, introduced in the late forties, remains unchanged, despite the ravages of inflation. Secondly, these allowances were abolished some years ago for new entrants into the profession, and for existing recipients on promotion to a higher grade.

The reason, one supposes, for phasing out the family allowance system whilst maintaining equal pay is the belief that the married man with children, whose wife is not in paid employment, is adequately compensated financially for his family responsibilities both by the marriage and child allowances set against income tax and by the state system of family allowances. If this assumption is correct, now that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is a member of a government which, in the name of social justice, has legislated equal pay for women, does he not have a duty to ensure that the marriage and child allowances allowed against income tax, as well as the state family allowances, are fair and reasonable and that like pensions they are regularly adjusted, as they most certainly have not been in the recent years, to take account of rapid inflation? And by the same token, has not the Minister of Education an equal duty to revise regularly in the light of inflation, the parental contributions which, after tax, parents are asked to make towards meeting the cost of their children's university education? I hope we can look forward to early announcements from these two ministers indicating their determination to fulfil these obligations which, with the passing of the Equal Pay Act, have acquired far greater weight.

Yours sincerely,
T. A. ROBERTS,
The University College of Wales,
Department of Philosophy,
King Street, Aberystwyth.

Future of colleges of education

From Mr K. G. Collier

Sir, Your leader of January 2 on the future of the colleges of education is, I believe, shortsighted and unrealistic. You rightly say that these colleges "should seek a future of their own . . . rather than emulate the universities and polytechnics"; but in offering an analogy with the community colleges of the United States you miss your cue: the appropriate analogy would have been with the liberal arts colleges.

The best of these are characterized—as far as one can generalize—by two features. The first, which they share with both polytechnics and colleges of education in England, is that they give a considerably higher priority to their teaching of the students than to their research.

The second, which they share with some relatively small sections of English universities and polytechnics but with most colleges of education, is their devotion to a certain climate of personal relations between staff and students: any visitor from an English college of education to a good liberal arts college in the United States finds an immediate common language of aspirations and relationships.

The fact is that when large-scale and bureaucratic organization is increasingly invading education, this country desperately needs a solid body of institutions of higher education in which the quality and climate of relations at all levels are regarded as a matter of the highest importance.

It is of course true that few colleges "could match the academic standards set by universities and polytechnics". But when you speak of "the diversion of scarce resources from already established institutions" and the "devaluation of degrees", it is necessary to challenge your unspoken assumptions. Scarce resources of money and manpower are as economically deployed in a college of 1,000 students offering a selected range of subjects as in a university or polytechnic of 5,000 or 10,000 students; and the BEd has shown itself to be just as "valid" a degree of a broad and professional kind as an honours degree in history is of the specialized type that has come to predominate in English universities.

Yours faithfully,
K. G. COLLIER, late Principal, Dede College, Durham,
4 Branksome Road,
Norwich,
Norfolk.

Wealth tax

From Lord Cottesloe

Sir, The point so fully and clearly developed by Mr Denis Mahon in his letter published in your issue of December 29 is valid and important. Is it too much to hope that the Chancellor's instructions for the preparation of changes for wealth tax legislation will include a direction that they should be so drafted that a man's liability for other capital tax is not treated as part of his wealth? A liability cannot be an asset: a tax liability cannot properly be regarded as taxable wealth.

Yours faithfully,
COTTESLOE,
House of Lords,
January 7.

The art of work

From Sir Gordon Russell

Sir, All who care for quality will be pleased to read the Minister for the Arts' denial that he said "luxury goods have no social relevance" (December 30). But the crippling VAT now levied on crafts which have a fine record of excellence in design and workmanship leave one with doubts as to how genuine beliefs in quality are in high places.

When Mr Jenkins adds: "I have supported the crafts financially and in every other way more than any previous Minister for the Arts" can he have forgotten that less than six years ago his predecessor in office Lord Eccles set up the Crafts Advisory Committee and for the first time ever gave it a substantial government grant.

This was the only solid encouragement that hard pressed craftsmen had had for years. But equally important to them was the personal interest and enthusiasm Lord Eccles gave to launch the committee. His informed critical appreciation of fine design and workmanship and his deep knowledge of the many obstacles which beset such work in a machine age were of immense value. They should not be passed over so lightly.

Yours, etc.
GORDON RUSSELL,
Kingcombe
Chipping Campden,
Gloucestershire.

Guarding the French language against Franglais

From Mrs C. I. Macdonald

Sir, Before your readers let rip on the French language at the bottom right hand corner of your correspondence column, may I be allowed a few remarks?

1. *Cul-de-sac* (your third leader, January 6) is a good old French word, used by, among others, St Simon, and indeed, by your leader writer's authority, Rousseau himself. Voltaire protested against its use, to no effect.

2. *Ticket* is said to have been first used in 1727. It appears in the *Journal des Débats* in 1835 (I am only quoting dictionaries easily available in this country). It had undoubtedly been in common use for many years before the last war: as in ticket de quai, de métro, carnet de tickets, etc.

3. If I have rightly understood the gist of Mr Levin's article, January 7—others may have interpreted it differently—he claims that the French language belongs to the whole world. True, everyone is free to enjoy it, use it, or massacre it. Only the French, however, are competent judges of its evolution, a mysterious process. To try to alter the course of this evolution by law is bound to result in absurdities; so was trying to define in court the boundaries between what is pornographic, obscene, shocking, or merely objectionable.

Is it worth trying? M Giscard d'Estaing and his ministers are not naive bullies. They are trying to cope with a problem which never arose before this century, ie, that more words are now printed and broadcast by the illiterate than by the literate.

Yours sincerely,
CYNTHIA MACDONALD,
14 Linton Road,
Oxford.
January 8.

From Mr Stephen Corrin

Sir, "Comment dit-on en français 'obviously'?" "Obviousement", cried one of my class. I was so taken by this spontaneous coinage that, as an ardent fan of franglais, I encouraged its use year after year among the French "assistants" who came under my aegis; so that by now (much to the annoyance of M Bas) it is probably quite widespread in several regions of France.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN CORRIN,
10 Russell Gardens, NW11.
January 8.

From Professor Bernard Georges

Monsieur, Vous allez sans doute me croire incurablement pédant lorsque je signale que, dans son article sur la loufoquerie qu'est la loi Bas, Monsieur Levin a fait de nombreuses erreurs. Cependant, il se peut bien que la plupart aient été faites dans le feu de la composition, et je tiens à féliciter Monsieur Levin d'avoir fait preuve de savoir manier la langue française d'une façon si prometteuse. Que Monsieur Levin soit titulaire ou non d'un diplôme GCE (A level), je le prie instamment de songer à la possibilité de s'inscrire comme étudiant de français à ce collège où il pourra suivre des cours menant au DipHE, BA ou BEd. Ces titres offrent d'excellents débouchés: le professorat, le journalisme. . . .

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, mes salutations distinguées,
BERNARD GEORGES,
Professeur de Français,
Bingley College of Education,
Bingley,
Yorkshire.
Janvier 7.

From Mr Jerrold Alexander

Sir, What would Giscard think of an announcement I heard some years ago on a French cross-Channel ferry where they announced in French the opening of "Le Snack-bar" and in English the opening of "The Buffet"?

Yours sincerely,
JERROLD ALEXANDER,
Flat 1,
49-51, Wimpole Street, W1.
January 7.

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Duchess of Kent, patron of the British speleological expedition, New Guinea 1975, will attend a lecture on the expedition at the Royal Geographical Society on *January 19*.

Birthdays today

Sir John Benstead, 79; Air Commodore Sir Vernon Brown, 87; Mr Sidney Griller, 65; Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey, 55; Mr Roy Moore, 68; Admiral Sir Manley Power, 72; Sir Eric Pridie, 80; *Sir Gerald Reece, 79.*
TOMORROW: Mr Neville Duke, 54; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, 64; Lord Jacques, 71; *Major Sir Mark Milbank, 69; Sir* Anthony Nutting, 56; Lady (Gertrude) Williams, 79.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Hawaii, the art and technology of the Hawaiians, Museum of Mankind, 6 Burlington Gardens, Piccadilly, 10-5.
Exhibition of tin toys, Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, 10-6.
Charles Lamb Society: Discussion on Lamb's letters, Mary Ward Centre, 9 Tavistock Place, Bloomsbury, 2.45.
London Walk: Dickens's London: *meet Tower Hill Underground* station, 2.

Tomorrow

International Boat Show, Earls Court, 11-7 (final day).
Exhibition: Black Gold, featuring British energy resources, Geological Museum, South Kensington, 2.30-6.
The Queen's guard mounting *ceremony*, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.
City Walk: Merchants, mysteries and mansions, meet St Paul's *Underground station, 3.*

Dinners

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady *Mayoress entertained the following* guests at dinner at the Mansion House yesterday:
The Danish Ambassador and Mme Kristiansen, Sir Richard Marsh, Vice-Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Ashmore, Alderman Sir Gilbert and Lady Inglefield, Sir Eric and Lady Drake, the Master of the Mercers' Company and Mrs French Blake, Mr Deputy and Mrs E. W. Peacock and Miss Rosemary Ring.

Royal Society of Medicine
The President of the Royal Society of Medicine, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, and Lady Wolstenholme entertained Professor Paul Beeson at dinner in the society's house yesterday evening after conferring on him the honorary fellowship *of the society. Other guests* included:
Sir Douglas and Lady Black, Sir George and Lady Pickering, Sir John and Lady Stallworthy and Mr R. T. Hewitt.

Memorial service

Mr J. Frye
A memorial service for Mr Jack Frye was held yesterday at St *James's, Piccadilly. The* Rev William Baddeley officiated. Mr Michael Frye (son) read the lesson and Sir Richard Marsh gave an address. Among those present were:
Mrs Frye (widow), Mr N. S. J. Frye (son), Mr and Mrs D. Molder and Mr and Mrs A. Johnston (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr and Mrs C. Frye (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs S. Popper (brother-in-law and sister), Mr and Mrs F. M. Russell, Viscountess Bearsted, Lord and Lady Aberdare, Lord Hunt of Fawley, Lord and Lady Chalfont, Lady Birdwood, Sir John Eden, MP, Sir Monty Finniston (chairman, British Steel Corporation) and Lady Finniston, Sir David Pitblado, Sir Jack Wellings (George Cohen 600 Group), Sir Paul Reilly, Mr R. V. Lindlay (representing the chairman, National Coal Board), Mr T. Meyer, Prince and Princess George Galitzine, Mr and Mrs B. Sigrn, Mr and Mrs D. J. Capron, Mr A. A. Taylor, Mr and Mrs L. F. Tidd, Mr and Mrs L. E. Strange, Mr H. W. Inglis, Mr A. Kendrick.
Mr Brinsley and Lady Moorea Black, Mr George Butler (Butler Machine Tool Company), Mr and Mrs G. H. C. Goodban, Mr and Mrs C. A. Wormer, Mr S. Ricketts, Mr W. Nuttall, Mr N. L. Pollard, Mr K. A. Blackburn, Mr B. G. Draycott (Press and Shear Group), Mr and Mrs S. Lidgett, Mrs John Kamer, Mr C. H. Sporborg, Mr Gordon Bayley, Mr A. W. Beer (representing the president, Association of Machine Tool Merchants), Mr P. B. Norton (W. E. Norton Holdings, also representing the Association of European Machine Tool Merchants), Mr J. D. Tyler (Maggitt Holdings), Mr P. A. Davis (Price Waterhouse and Company), Mr H. Keeble ("Daily Mail"), Mr J. K. Shipton (G. T. Bowring), Mr Laurence Kelly (vice-chairman, British Steel Consumers' Council), Mr A. W. Bell (representing the president, H. Bell Machine Tools), Mr B. P. Cownie (Society of Motor Manufacturers), Mr L. R. P. Pugh, Mr Eric Walker, Mr David Waterstone, Mr Anthony T. Reed (Turners' Company), Mr T. E. Conway, Mr Frank Berry, Dr E. H. J. Hoblyn, Mr Arnold Thompson, and Mr C. H. Stansfield.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Stephenson was christened Henrietta Cecilia by the Rev Peter Godfrey-Faussett at St Mary Magdalene's, Cowden, on Friday, January 2, 1976. The god*parents are Commander Bertie* Tower, Mr David Warmington, Lady O'Neill, Mrs Noel Fisher, and Miss Shaunagh Colthurst.

Lecture

British Schools Exploring Society
The Lord Mayor, patron of the British Schools Exploring Society, *and the Lady Mayoress, accom*panied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual lecture of the society held yesterday at the Royal Geographical Society. Sir Vivian Fuchs, accompanied by Lady Fuchs, presided, and Dr Ian Ashwell gave the lecture. Lord Tweedsmuir, president, and Dr Martin Holdgate, chairman, received the guests.

Towards an ecumenical understanding of Mary

By Sean Wales
Franciscan Study Centre
University of Kent

Perhaps Roman Catholics are keeping quiet about mariology in the hope that the problems it raises will go away. Maybe the more perceptive theologians are hoping that the marian doctrines will fall into their proper place in the hierarchy of truths, and that that place will be sufficiently *far down the scale as not to in*terfere significantly with growth towards unity. It is possible even that given the acceptance of pluralism in theology, a comprehensive approach will allow Christians to disagree about the detailed applications of some basic theological principles held by all.

To those who might suspect (or fear) that Roman Catholic mariology is being left to die, let it be said: mariology is alive and well. John McHugh's study *The Mother of Jesus in the New Testament (Darton, Longman and Todd)* is a model of the kind of scientific yet sensitive exegesis which tries to get behind the recognized Roman Catholic positions in mariology and examine the New Testament evidence. If agreement could be reached on that much at least, the way is open for a study of the development of the understanding of Mary.

To seek a way past the marian doctrines by means of the lowly position in the hierarchy of truths of faith—in comparison with *truths about* the Trinity *for ex*ample—runs into the difficulty that while indeed not every doctrine is central, all doctrines are essential.

As Roman Catholics consider marian doctrines essential and as agreement on essentials is a minimum for unity, is it right to encourage a future, as seen by E. J. Yarnold, where "Roman Catholics may believe as of faith that Mary was preserved from original sin and assumed into heaven; other Christians may be unable to accept that these doctrines, so expressed, can be part of the Gospel. Both convictions could co-exist in a fully united Church . . ."? (article in *The Month*, June 1971). Fr Yarnold *offers the theological presupposi*tions on which both views depend and about which agreement is possible.

Before suggesting that Roman Catholics should simply give up their claims, and while exegetes try to reach agreement, two approaches can be considered which might promote an understanding of the Roman Catholic *position and open up* a way into practical ecumenism. The first is to consider difficulties with marian doctrines as reducible to questions about the Church. It was an axiom of the Fathers of the Church that Mary is a symbol of the Church; in her is realized what the Word of God came to do for all men. Whatever is true about the Church will be true about Mary. The *Church is the source of our joy,* seat of wisdom, &c—so Mary in whom the mystery of the Church is realized and from whom our Lord and Saviour came according to the flesh, is rightly ascribed as the cause of our joy, seat of wisdom, &c. When therefore she is spoken of as having been conceived without sin this is also a way of speaking about the Church. The Church as conceived in the mind of God is "holy and blameless." (Ephesians 1, iv). The Church is *holy in its conception, holy in* its Head, Jesus the Lord, and holy in its members, most of all in Mary. The plan of the all holy God is not frustrated in His Christ; the salvific work of Christ is not frustrated in His Church; the "ecclesia immaculata" is a reality in Mary Immaculate.

Far from exempting Mary from the need for salvation by Christ, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception points to an extreme instance of salvation—Mary is born of God before she was born of the flesh; she is holy from the first instant of her existence in virtue of the saving work of God in *Christ*. Described by the evangelists as "full of grace", she has come to be recognized as "fully redeemed", the Immaculate Virgin.

It is unlikely that one theological principle however helpful will remove all hesitations about marian doctrines. There are limits to the persuasiveness of propositional theology. So another approach may be sketched—a theology of the heart. Taking a clue from the philosophy of language, it is possible to discover the *meaning* of a doctrine by *using* it: if there is a problem with the Immaculate Conception, *then enter imaginatively* into the use to which the doctrine is put. This suggests that the reality of the Immaculate Conception doctrine is discovered, not by subtle rearranging of pieces on a theological chessboard, but by praying one's way into the experience of the Holy.

To discover the fullness of grace, to experience the Church *Immaculate is to* be open to the disclosure of grace and sinlessness in the slave-girl of the Lord. To have a sense of the Church Immaculate is to be led to rejoice at the wonders God works in His lowly handmaiden. From being a technical and abstract theological conclusion, the Immaculate Conception becomes part of a celebration of holiness: the holiness of God, made visible in Christ, poured out by the Spirit and beautifully and unrestrictedly manifested in Mary.

True ecumenism cannot be content with tidy statements of propositional theology. It must also explore the theology of the heart *and enter into the religious experi*ence of what is expressed in formulae. If the experience is important to Christianity, the Spirit will use it to bring *Christians* together even if the formulae seem to be worn out.

Poles agree to new archbishop's appointment

Warsaw, Jan 9.—Poland has taken a step towards improving relations with the Roman Catholic Church by agreeing to the appointment, announced here, of Bishop Henry Roman Gulbinowicz as Archbishop of Wroclaw.

Because Wroclaw, formerly Breslau, is on pre-war German territory, *its Church* leader has a particularly sensitive role in Church-state relations.

Catholic sources said the state, by withholding approval, *had in* effect vetoed eight previous nominations by the Catholic *hierarchy*.

Wroclaw has been without a Church head since the death of Cardinal Boleslaw Kominek in *March, 1974. After* Warsaw and Cracow it is the third most important diocese in Poland.

The new archbishop is only 47, one of the youngest appointments made in recent years. He was trained by the Jesuits in Vilnius, formerly Vilna in pre-war Poland.

Polish state permission is needed for all Church appointments, from parish church admini*strators up* to the highest positions, as part of the 1956 Church-state agreement.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

MR JOHN BONFIELD

A leading figure in printing trade unionism

Mr John Bonfield, general secretary of the National Graphical Association, who died yesterday at the age of 60, was a leading figure in the printing trade union world, both in Fleet Street and internationally. He led the largest skilled organization in the industry into a series of amalgamations that unified the craft sector into a single union that is now demanding recognition for its role in modernizing the industry.

Born on May 1, 1915, John Martin Bonfield was educated at the British and Wilshere-Dacre Schools, Hitchin, and was apprenticed at the Welwyn, Hertfordshire, firm of Lawrence & Sons. Trained as a compositor, he later moved over to proof reading, and at the surprisingly early age of 32 was elected directly to the national assistant secretaryship of the Typographical Association in 1948, a post he held for seven years. He was general president of the union from 1955 to 1957, and general secretary from that year until 1963, when the TA merged with the London Typographical Society to form the NGA.

He was joint general secretary of the new organization with Mr Robert Willis for about two years, until the former LTS leader joined the Labour government's Prices and Incomes Board, on leave from the union. From that time he was practically in sole charge for the next two and a half years during which time the NGA attracted into the craft amalgamation the Association of Correctors of the Press and the National Union of Press Telegraphists. They were followed by the National Society of Electrotypers and Stereotypers, and the Amalgamated Society of Litho Printers.

Under Bonfield's leadership, the NGA moved into a new, purpose built centre in Bedford equipped with a computer to maintain up-to-date membership records. It was this side of his abilities—that of an able and far-sighted administrator—that impressed employers in the industry, but his efforts behind the scenes to defend printing employment so that skilled jobs did not disappear also were strongly felt.

Perhaps the most difficult issue—apart from changing technology—he faced in his 15 years at the head of the NGA was the attitude of craft print workers to the Conservative government's Industrial Relations Act of 1971. His executive was opposed to registration under the legislation as was the NGA conference but in a ballot of the membership they voted 32,770 to 30,630 in favour of remaining on the government's register.

In the wake of this vote Bonfield took the NGA out of TUC affiliation, rather than be ignominiously expelled along with other unions for refusing to abide by Congress instructions not to remain on the register. It was, he said, a more honourable course to resign rather than be thrown out. He just lived to see the NGA readmitted into the TUC after a long wrangle.

In common with other print union leaders, John Bonfield had wide international interests, and was president of the International Graphical Federation from 1967 to the time of his death. He was also president of the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation from 1961 until its demise in 1974, and he was also an unsuccessful contender for membership of the TUC general council.

He sat on the Printing and Publishing Industry Training Board, from 1968 to 1974, and was also a part-time member of the Eastern Electricity Board.

Bonfield was a respected figure in the print trade union world whose concern for the future of his members affected by the impact of new computerized methods of newspaper production was still very much alive in his last few weeks.

His death took place at the opening of the year in which he was to retire to Norfolk. A well read and thoughtful man, he is survived by his wife, Anne, and a son, Simon, a compositor.

PROF E. J. COHN

Professor E. J. Cohn, OBE, one of the most notable and learned figures of the legal and academic world in England and the Continent, died in London on January 1 at the age of 71. His loss is not only a great loss to international legal practice; it is also a grievous loss to the science of Comparative law in general and to the legal academic community in particular. The Jewish community in this country also mourns the *loss of a distinguished and de*voted son.

Ernst Joseph Cohn was born in Breslau (now part of Poland) on August 7, 1904. After studying law at the University of Leipzig, Freiburg-in-B and Breslau, he became a *Privatdozent* at the University of Frankfurt. Soon afterwards he was appointed to the Chair of Civil Law at Kiel University for a year. He was subsequently nominated, at the early age of 28, as a full professor in the newly created Chair of Civil and Commercial Law at the University of his home town, Breslau.

Cohn had hardly had time to display his brilliant intellectual gifts as a teacher when the Nazis came to power. He, as a Jew, was a prime target and after some carefully orchestrated student agitation he was first sent on compulsory leave. Soon afterwards he was dismissed from his post. Cohn emigrated to England in 1933 and from that moment onwards he lived and worked in this country. He studied English law and he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn. It is worth *noting* that he obtained a certificate of honour at the Bar Final Examination, a remarkable achievement for a foreigner who had only recently come to England. Later he became a naturalized British subject. During the war and until 1944 he served in the Royal Regiment of Artillery. Then, after a spell with SHAEF, he continued as a civilian to work in posts dealing with the Military Government in Germany. In 1950 he went back into legal practice and, within a short time, he became a leading practitioner in matters relating to the conflict of laws, arbitration, and in matters involving a mixture of English, German and Swiss law.

As a practitioner his already *high* reputation was further enhanced through his association with some of the most notable trials *in his* chosen field that took place in this country.

Aso a barrister he was held in high esteem and his opinions, whether in Court or outside, bore not only the hallmark of scholarship and intellectual honesty, but also the imprint of a devastating common sense.

Nevertheless, if Cohn showed *all the signs of a brilliant prac*titioner he remained at heart an academic and a German professor of the best tradition. Thus he taught extensively on the Continent and in England. His lectures, especially those on comparative procedure, of which he was the acknowledged master, were a model of how an abstruse and intricate subject could be rationally and clearly presented. For many years he also gave a course of German Civil Law at King's College.

Though leading an extremely busy life, he found time to reflect and construct. The result was a continuous stream of published work which showed all the signs of profound scholarship, most *felicitously expressed* in response to, and in the solution of, practical problems. His classic book, *Manual of German Law*, was first published by the Foreign Office in 1950. A second edition, published under the auspices of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, appeared in 1968. This book is a model of what a textbook of Comparative Law ought to be. It marries *a deep understanding* of the Common and of the Civil law with a brilliant use of the Comparative method. It has been widely acclaimed as authoritative and is frequently cited in England and elsewhere as evidence of what German law is.

He was an honorary Profes*sor of Frankfurt* University, a Visiting Professor of Europe Law and a fellow of King's College *London*; he was also a Doctor hc of the University of Cologne. He, as a German and a Jew, was among the first after the war to resume contact in a selfless and generous attempt to bridge the gap that war and devastation had created between the German and the other European academic communities. *In June 1975* Cohn was appointed OBE in recognition of his services to English law.

Cohn's devotion to his religion and the Jewish community in London were another aspect of his profound humility and humanity and of his fervent wish to serve the causes of justice and truth. He was closely associated with the Leo Beck College and was President of the North Western Reform Synagogue.

He leaves a widow and a son from a previous marriage.

MR H. C. HUGHES

A colleague writes:

Hugh Hughes who died on New Year's *Day*, at the age of 82, was one of the first undergraduates at the new Cambridge School of Architecture in 1913.

Returning after service as an officer in the RA in India, the Middle East and France, he soon gave up academic life for the active practice of architecture. The rest of his life was devoted to enriching and preserving Cambridge and its surroundings.

He had a great feeling for the vernacular, and it is characteristic that his seven houses scattered about Grantchester, from the moment they were built slipped quietly into the village scene. But he was far from being a reactionary architect. His work was always individual and positive. In the 1930s he was responsible for a series of buildings which were outstanding for their simple modernity. To ... own college where he had been an exhibitioner, he added in 1939-40 now in partnership with Peter Bicknell, Fen Court, one of the first Cambridge buildings to be designed in a frankly contemporary style. The Mond Laboratory and some of his private houses were of the same, for Cambridge, revolutionary character.

As a dedicated preservationist it gave him great pleasure to hear a few months before he died that one of these houses is to be preserved as the only existing building to be integrated into the new *Robinson* College.

One of his happiest achievements was the *saving* of the magnificent windmill at Overy Staithe which he gave to the National Trust and where hundreds of "Millers," have enjoyed bracing and delectable holidays.

Hugh Hughes was a man of ...

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon O. H. D. Herbert and Miss R. M. Bate
The engagement is announced between Oliver, youngest son of the late Lord and Lady Hemingford, of Watford, and Rosemary, daughter of Canon H. R. Bate and the late Mrs Muriel Bate, and stepdaughter of Mrs. H. R. Bate, of Waldron, Sussex, formerly of Welwyn.

Mr R. L. S. Gratton and Mejuffrouw M. C. van Dooren
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Colonel and Mrs J. S. S. Gratton, of Camberley, and Carine, youngest daughter of De Heer and Mevrouw H. A. M. E. van Dooren-Wyers, of Teteringen, The Netherlands.

***Major C. J. L. Lewis* and Mrs H. M. E. Murray**
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place quietly between Claud John Ledstone Lewis, of Evancoyd, Radnorshire, husband of the late Frances Lisa Lewis, and Hilary Mary Egerton Murray, of Winchester.

Mr R. V. Parker *and Miss J. A. Meikle*
The engagement is announced between Richard (Rupert) Venture Parker, son of Mr and Mrs H. B. Parker, of Rodmell, Sussex, and Joanna Adele Meikle, younger daughter of the late Mr Alan F. Meikle and of Mrs M. C. D. Meikle, of Auckland, New Zealand.

***Mr P. Snelling* and Miss C. Godley**
The engagement is announced between Phil, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. Snelling, of Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, and Cathy, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. Godley, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr R. Apley and Miss A. Hurry
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs A. G. Apley, of Singleton Lodge, West Byfleet, Surrey, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. Hurry, of 17 Tinto Road, Glasgow.

Dr A. R. Hayward and Miss P. R. Dorsch
The marriage will take place on January 24, 1976, between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs John Hayward, of 28 Chepstow Villas, W11, and Philippa, daughter of Professor and Mrs T. S. Dorsch, of Collingwood College, Durham.

Dr D. McD. Mercer *and Dr L. J. B. Burnett*
The engagement is announced between Derek, son of Mr and Mrs George Mercer, of London, and Lesley, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs William H. Burnett, of Edinburgh.

Mr G. Ruddock and Miss A. J. Fox
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of the late Mr and Mrs Leonard Ruddock and stepson of Mrs A. E. Ruddock, of Moor Hill, Gaulby Lane, Hough*ton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, and* Annabelle Juliet, elder daughter of the late Mr P. F. Fox and of Dr H. R. Fox, of Pinelands, Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr C. D. Smith and Miss V. G. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Dudley, younger son of Mr and Mrs N. A. Smith, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Veronica, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. Stewart, of Lisburn, co Antrim.

Mr A. L. Scott and Miss M. E. E. Braddell
The engagement is announced between Tony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Scott, of Esher, Surrey, and Liz, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Braddell, of Glenageary, co Dublin.

Charterhouse

The Long Quarter begins tomorrow. Dr I. M. Blake takes over as Housemaster of Robinites. A. P. Schweitzer is Head of the *School, R. J. M. Hughes and R. A.* Peet are Deputy Heads of the School. R. J. M. Hughes is Captain of Football and A. P. Schweitzer is Captain of Hockey. The Confirmation Service will be taken by the Bishop of Dorking on Sunday, March 7. The Exeat will be from Friday, February 13, until Monday, February 16. A performance of Verdi's *Requiem will* be given in the Memorial Chapel on Sunday, March 14. The Quarter ends on Sunday, March 21.

Bryanston School

The spring term begins today. R. B. Johnstone has been appointed head boy. There will *be a performance of Ruddigore* on January 24 and the choral society will perform Fauré's *Requiem* and Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast* on February 14. Term ends on March 27.

St Audries School

The Spring Term begins on January 13. Confirmation will be held in Wells Cathedral on March 5. Professor Inga-Stina Ewebank will visit the school on March 12 to address the sixth form and an invited audience.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr R. W. James, aged 39, to be First Secretary (Agriculture and Food) at the British embassy in *Dublin, succeeding Mr J. White.*
Mr John Parslow, aged 40, to be deputy director (conservation) to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Archaeology report

Hascombe: Fort from the Late Iron Age

Excavations at the hill fort of Hascombe, near Godalming, have completed a research programme on three such forts lying on the *Surrey greensand belt*, which indicates that they were all used for a very short period in the Late Iron Age and may have been a response to the Roman threat posed by Julius Caesar's landings in 55 and 54 BC.

The programme has been directed by Mr Hugh Thompson, of the Society of Antiquaries of London, with financial support from the society and the British Academy and with a total expenditure of about £1,000. The 1975 excavations at Hascombe were preceded by a gradiometer *survey* which identified a number of anomalies, some of which were then investigated archaeologically.

Two proved to be rock cut pits, from which pottery, carbonized grain and charcoal, quern and loomweight fragments were recovered. The finds in general accord with those from the other hill forts investigated at Anstie*bury and Holmbury*, and some of the pottery from Holmbury and Hascombe is strikingly similar.

The presence of baked clay sling stones and rounded pebbles indicates how the forts were defended. Excavation of the ramparts at all three sites shows how a broad band of defences was constructed with sling warfare in mind.

Hascombe, unlike the other two *sites*, was univallate rather than bivallate, but used a natural rise as an outer bank. The rampart was faced with stone, which seems to have collapsed *in two* episodes, while the ditch was of V-profile, cut into the rock to a depth of 2.4 metres and with a width of about 5.7 metres.

The fort entrance has several unusual features, including outturned side banks around the terminals of the ditch with rubble *revetments; they may* have been to narrow the entrance to a gate, but the existence of the latter has not yet been investigated, and it is possible that a massive timber balk, traces of which were found this year, was the only blocking arrangement.

Mr Thomson's overall conclusions are that all three forts were built in a single episode and were *thereafter used for only a short* time; Anstiebury was probably unfinished, Holmbury has little evidence of occupation, and only Hascombe shows evidence of possible settlement.

All three have evidence of demolished defences, and broken querns suggest a forced evacuation. The ceramics, which are of "Wealden" affinity linking with *material from Kent and Sussex*, place all three sites at the latter end of the Iron Age, and radiocarbon dates on the carbon*ized* material recovered may indicate whether they are a response to tribal unrest or to an external threat such as the Caesarian landings of 55 and 54 BC.

By Norman Hammond
Archaeological Correspondent

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25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, January 10, 1951

Groundnuts failure

The Government's decision to abandon the original conception of the East African groundnuts scheme was announced in a White Paper published yesterday.

The scheme is to be continued in a modified form as an experi*mental development project*, and responsibility for its supervision is to be transferred from the Minister of Food to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Amending legislation will be introduced in Parliament this session to provide among other things for the writing off of £36,500,000 which it is estimated will have been advanced to the Overseas Food Corporation by the end of March.

Agricultural society's record profit

The South of England Agricultural Society, which announced a record profit of £21,211 yesterday, is to erect permanent cattle lines at its showground at Ardingly, West Sussex. They *will cost £40,000.*

Award for Greek film

The British Film Institute's award for the most original and imaginative film given its premiere at the *National Film Theatre during 1975* has been made to *The Travelling Players*, a Greek film directed by Theodor Angelopoulos. A special award has been made to Kevin Brownlow and Andrew Mollo, of Britain, for *Winstanley*.

Dartmouth entry

The Ministry of Defence announces that the following candidates have been accepted for entry as midshipmen on the General List of the Royal Navy and entered Britannia *Royal Naval College, Dartmouth*, on January 7.

M. W. Anderson, A. C. G. Braithwaite, A. E. Brooks, R. J. Broom, N. J. Burton, P. W. M. Carroll, S. R. L. Chelton, D. K. Clark, P. N. Collins, W. Comer Stone, S. D. Daltry, R. S. Davies, M. P. Davis, I. W. Dennison, J. S. Hobday, N. Langhorne, G. P. Lyons, *R. W. Mason*, R. I. McElwaine, S. R. Middlemas, R. C. Morello, P. N. Mullin, V. A. Nall, P. R. Norman, D. T. M. O'Donovan, J. A. W. Patten, A. D. Penny, C. H. Pierson, A. R. Rymer, C. J. Sherman, S. A. Sherwin, K. M. Smith, P. C. H. Soar, R. L. Spiceley, D. W. Sweet, M. K. Taylor, M. N. Thomas, P. P. Wainwright, J. R. Wallace, C. J. Waterworth, M. D. Willbourn, S. T. Williams, S. A. Woodland.

The following have been accepted for entry as midshipmen to the Supplementary List:
M. Allen, I. D. Arthur, N. Beadnell, M. R. Benians, P. Betterton, A. Blacklock, B. Bottoms, M. K. Brown, O. Campbell, T. G. Chambers, C. R. Colman, B. C. Curl, J. N. Edgell, D. Evans, A. B. Fairweather, C. W. Gray, I. W. Halliday, C. J. Hawes, G. R. Hobday, J. Holland, L. P. G. Jones, M. A. Kerr, N. P. Loxton, R. R. Middleton, C. J. L. Miller, T. Nettleship, R. J. Norris, A. J. O'Connell, M. P. Parsons, P. F. Payne, R. B. Peace, D. Pretty, J. N. S. Reid, A. G. Scott, P. H. Scott, G. W. Simmonds, P. C. Terry, S. M. Thompson, I. J. Walker, K. A. West, N. B. Wilson, B. D. Wood, C. J. Wood, M. N. M. Wood, K. W. Wright, T. P. Appleyard, R. W. Jackson.

The following as midshipmen aircrew on the Supplementary List:
HELICOPTER PILOTS: H. R. Alager, I. D. Aldridge, M. S. Barklem, A. D. Bartwell, P. J. Brown, L. R. Cook, S. A. Daniels, M. Jenk, R. C. Johnston, G. B. Milton, J. G. Rich, P. J. Swain.
HELICOPTER OBSERVERS: T. C. Brown, J. Nordan, C. L. Palmer.

The following for officer entry on the Supplementary List:
J. G. Brook, A. K. Cross, J. F. Holliday, P. R. Twizell, W. J. Tidsley.

The *following* were *successful in* the Royal Navy university cadetship competition:
J. C. Belling, R. B. McD. Davies, J. C. *Dingle*, O. M. C. Dismore, M. E. Finney, M. E. Firth, T. G. Horne, S. J. Lusty, R. J. Manserah, T. F. W. Martin, G. A. Nevrlands, M. K. Rothwell, C. H. Stephens, M. D. Tarr, S. N. V. Walters.

Latest wills

Judge leaves £635,869

Sir John Percy Ashworth, of Staffordshire, a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, left £635,869 net. After specific bequests he left a third of the residue to Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Griggs, *Mr Gladwyn Joseph*, of Bristol £94,577
Hayter, Lois Minnie, of Piddinghoe, *Sussex* £141,326
Roberts, Mrs Marjorie Lillian, of Rowlands Castle, Hampshire £108,287

University news

Oxford
Mr Michael Howard, fellow in *higher defence studies* at All Souls College, has been appointed Chichele professor of the history of war from October 1, 1977, in succession to Professor Norman Gibbs.

Cambridge
JESUS COLLEGE: Dr S. B. Hladky, university demonstrator in physiology, has been elected into a fellowship of Class B.

Edinburgh
Professor G. S. Boyd, PhD (Edin), has been appointed to the chair of biochemistry from October 1.

Durham
Honorary degrees are to be con*ferred on the following on July 1:*
DD: Professor P. M. Benoit, OP, Director of the Ecole Biblique, Jerusalem.
DCL: Mr C. F. Grey, MP for Durham, 1945-70.
DSc: Professor M. F. Atiyah, Royal Society Research Professor.
DLitt: Professor K. W. Britton, Professor of philosophy at Newcastle University, 1951-75.
MSc: Mr Robert Spencer, deputy director of the British Trust for Ornithology.

London
Mr A. H. Walker, MA (Oxon), has been *appointed director* of the school of Slavonic and East European studies from October 1, or such earlier date as may be arranged, succeeding Dr G. H. Bolsover.

Belfast
Professor P. P. Benham, MSc (Belf), PhD (Lond), DSc (Belf), who has held the second chair of mechanical engineering, has been appointed to the chair of aeronautical engineering.
Other appointments include:
Lectureships: R. J. McClelland, MD (Belf), psychiatry; B. Taylor, BSc (Lond), MA (Essex), PhD (Aberd), social studies; J. L. Gorman, MA (Edin), PhD (Cantab), social philosophy.
The following titles have been conferred:
Lecturer: M. S. Camlin, BSc, BAgr (Belf), agricultural botany; R. M. R. Harvey, BSc (Belf), PhD (McMaster) and A. S. Laidlaw, BSc, PhD (Glasgow), agricultural botany; D. B. Harper, BSc (Bristol), PhD (Lond), agricultural and food chemistry; J. O. Morrison, MSc (Reading), agricultural *biometrics*: P. H. Hughes, BA, BComSc, MA (Belf), A. G. S. Crawford, BSc (Nott), MAgr (Belf), and S. A. McBurney, MAgr (Belf), agricultural economics: P. W. Bartholomew, BSc (Nott), and W. A. McIlmoyle, BAgr, PhD (Belf), crop and animal production.
Emeritus professor: The Rev T. Crickley, DPh: N. Cuthbert, MA, BComSc; H. J. G. Godin, LesL, MA, PhD: *E. D. Phillips*, MA.

Sheffield
Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following at a congregation on July 17:
LittD: Margaret Drabble (Mrs C. W. Swift), the novelist: Sir Roger Mynors, professor of Latin at Cambridge from 1944 to 1953, *and at Oxford from* 1953 to 1970.
DSc: Mr C. J. S. Bonington, the mountaineer.
DMus: Sir Michael Tippett, the composer.
DEng: Sir William Hawthorne, Master of Churchill College, Cambridge.
LLD: Dr H. T. Hookway, deputy chairman and chief executive of the British Library Board.

Manchester
The title of professor emeritus has been conferred on Mr T. E. Chester, DrJur (Vienna), MA (Econ) (Manchester), formerly professor of social administration; Mr F. Koenigsberger, DrIng Eh (Berlin), DSc *(Manchester)*, DrhC (Ghent), DTech (Bradford), formerly professor of machine tool engineering; and Mr B. A. Wortley, QC, *LLM (Leeds)*, LLD (Manchester and Sheffield), DU (Rennes and Strasbourg), formerly professor of jurisprudence and international law.
Professor A. A. Grant, professor of prosthetic dentistry, is to succeed Professor G. S. Nixon as dean of the Turner Dental School and director of the Dental Hospital of Manchester, for three years from October, 1977.
Mr Michael Gibbons, BSc (Loyola), BEng (McGill), MSc (Queen's, Ontario), PhD (Man*chester*), senior lecturer in liberal studies in science, is to succeed Professor F. R. Jevons as professor of liberal studies in science, *from December 1, 1975.*
Other appointments include:
SENIOR LECTURERS: Diagnostic radiology, Mr J. J. K. Best, MB, ChB (Edin), Mr R. A. Fawcitt, MB, ChB (Edin).
LECTURERS: *Sociology*, Mr S. D. Damer, MA (Edin); MSc (Strathclyde): medical oncology, Mr S. L. Echor, AB (Chicago), PhD (Rockfeller); neurology, Mr David Neary, MB ChB (Manchester); pharmacology, Mr P. W. Mullen, BSc, BEd (Acadia), MSc (Strathclyde), PhD (Manchester).

Leeds
Professor Timothy Clark, BA (Cantab), PhD(Lond), aged 32, of the University of California, is to become professor of fine art in October.

Essex
Dr B. R. Gaines, MA, PhD (Cantab), has been appointed to a personal chair in electrical engineering science; and Dr Ian Budge, MA (Edin), PhD (Yale) to a personal chair in government, both from January 1.

Exeter
Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following at congregations on July 8 and 9:
LLD: Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls; Dr R. C. Tress, Master of Birkbeck College, London University.
DSc: Dr E. J. Denton, Director of the Laboratory of the Marine Biological Association, Plymouth.
DMus: Mr David Willcocks, Director of the Royal College of Music.
MA: Miss Constance R. Henson, Principal of the St Loyes Occupational Therapy School, Exeter, 1958-74.

Kent
Grants:
£12,361 from the Atomic Energy Research Establishment to Dr J. C. Dore to support a research fellow working with the university and the establishment, Harwell, on neutron diffraction studies of liquids.
£15,779 from the Science Research Council to Dr D. A. Jackson for studies on the visco-elastic properties of gels, lubricants and polymers by the technique of laser light scattering.

Strathclyde
Dr Angela M. Bowey, BA, PhD (Manch), lecturer in organizational behaviour at Manchester Business School, has been appointed professor of business administration with responsibility for industrial relations and allied subjects in Strathclyde Business School.
Other appointments include:
SENIOR LECTURERS: G. Kennedy, BA, MSc, PhD (economics); R. A. Hart, MA (economics).
LECTURERS: M. O'Callaghan, MSc, mathematics; D. B. Livingstone, BSc, PhD, pure and applied chemistry; I. R. Dunkin, BSc, PhD, pure and applied chemistry; W. J. Bonthron, BSc, environmental engineering; K. Collins, BSc, civil engineering; J. R. Piggott, BA, MSc, food science and nutrition; D. Sixsmith, BPharm, MSc, pharmaceutical technology; M. Pacione, MA, PhD, geography; A. M. Trippett, BA, modern languages; B. W. Hogwood, BA, politics; D. Lyall, MBA, MLitt, accountancy and finance; S. T. Parkinson, BA, marketing; K. Miller, LLB, law school.
RESEARCH FELLOWS: J. G. Crowder, BA, DPhil, pure and applied chemistry; J. T. Boyle, BSc, mechanics of materials; R. O'Mahoney, MSc, thermodynamics and mechs of fluids; I. C. Wilkie, BSc, bioengineering unit; A. Lee, BSc, shipbuilding and naval architecture; H. W. Frey, architecture and building science; M. P. Purkins, MA, architecture and building science; B. Davis, BSc, PhD, applied microbiology; S. Bryan Thomas, BSc, PhD, pharmaceutical chemistry; V. G. Bulmer-Thomas, BA, Fraser of Allander Institute.

Surrey
Appointments:
Dr R. Thomas, BSc, honorary professor and senior research fellow, department of chemistry, to be professorial research fellow.
Dr S. Cornbleet, B.Sc, senior lecturer, department of physics, to be reader. Dr G. Richards to be senior lecturer, department of hotel, catering and tourism management. Dr L. J. King, BA, BSc, to be senior lecturer, department of biochemistry.
Lecturers: Department of civil engineering, M. A. Huxley, BSc; Honours *degree course in engineering*: Dr A. E. Gee, BSc; Department of metallurgy and materials technology: Dr F. E. Jones; Department of biochemistry: D. E. Hall, BSc, T. K. Basu, BVSc, MSc, PhD, Nutrition; Department of human biology and health: Dr H. Wilmot, BA, MB, BCH; Department of hotel, catering and tourism management: D. W. Airey, BA, MSc; School of humanities and social sciences: S. L. Arber, BSc, MSc, sociology, Dr N. M. Rugg, BA, applied social science; M. Stone, BA, sociology, L. J. Tasker, BSc, applied social studies (community work), Dr A. O'Hear, MA, department of philosophy, G. A. Bird, MA, department of economics, Mlle Antoinette Perrin, L-ès-L (Paris III), Lectrice in French.

New University of Ulster
Dr W. H. Cockcroft, MA, DPhil (Oxon), aged 52, G. F. Grant professor of pure mathematics at *Hull* University, has been appointed vice-chancellor to succeed Dr Alan Burges on October 1.

Science report

Meteorology: Plankton may cause rain

Plankton swept up from the sea may produce rainfall by initiating the formation of ice crystals within clouds. It is widely believed that the formation of ice crystals *in clouds is the stimulus for rain*, but the crystals need a "nucleus" around which to form. Dr R. C. Schnell, of the National Centre for Atmospheric Research, at Boulder, Colorado, believes that the microscopic plants and animals *that make up plankton* may in some circumstances provide such nuclei.

The idea occurred to him when he was making atmospheric measurements over the Antarctic Ocean and noticed unusually large *numbers* of ice crystals over regions where deep water welled up and mixed with the surface water. Where that happens there is likely to be more *plankton* than in other areas and that made Dr Schnell wonder if there was any connexion between the plankton and the ice crystals.

To see whether tiny planktonic organisms could act as the nucleus for an ice crystal, he *took samples* of 23 species into his laboratory to test. Most of them failed to induce the formation of ice crystals, but one proved to be a very efficient nucleus, and two others produced some crystals. That would *be enough* to make plankton a significant source of ice nuclei over the sea.

Nuclei are needed to initiate the formation of ice in clouds, and in their absence the water can be cooled to well below *freezing* point without actually freezing. But nuclei can be created only by particles with a shape similar to *that of an ice crystal.*

Silver iodide crystals have the necessary shape and have been used to "seed" clouds in the hope that ice formation would lead to increased rainfall. Clay particles are thought to be the main *naturally occurring nuclei, being* swept up by the wind from deserts and arid regions. Bubbles bursting on the sea can spray plankton high enough into the air for the wind to carry them off, and Dr Schnell found that some of those plankton included *species* that served as nuclei in his experiments. He is not yet sure whether it is the plankton themselves, bits of them, or organisms associated with them that provide the nuclei.

The practical relevance of this work is hard to assess. If areas rich in plankton were associated with increased rainfall over the sea there would be immediate *implications for farmers, because* very small changes in rainfall soon have marked effects on agriculture.

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Services tomorrow: First Sunday after Epiphany

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Canon D. Webster; TD and Ben (Harwood in A); HC, 11.30 (Darke in A minor), Int, Ave verum corpus (Viadana); E, 3.15, Rev A. L. Dunstan, Mag and ND (Wood in E), A, Three kings from Persian lands (Cornelius).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 (Harris in A flat), Jubilate (Bairstow), Rev W. R. White; Sung Eucharist, 11.40, O bone Jesu (Palestrina), Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina); E, 3 (Batten, Short), Make we joy to God (Byrd), Rev J. A. Baker; E, 6.30, Rev E. C. Knapp-Fisher.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 11, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus (Harford in D), A, The Three Kings (Cornelius), Canon P. Delaney; Choral Evening Prayer, 3 (Stanford in C), A, The Shepherd's Cradle Song (Macpherson), Canon P. Penwarden.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30; M, 11.15, A, Say, where is he born? (Mendelssohn), Canon T. Bartlett.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Ireland in F), Canon E. Young, A, Lo, star led chiefs (Crotch).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public admitted): HC, 8.30, 12; MP, 11, the Chaplain.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, Epiphany Carol Service.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Thalben-Ball in C), Jub (Wilson in C), A, Now when Jesus was born (Bach), the Master.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, King Jesus hath a garden, Dutch Carol, Rev B. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15; MP, 11, TD (Britten in C), A, Lo, star-led chiefs (Crotch) and E, 6.30 (Gibbons, Short), A, All they from Saba shall come (Handl), Resident Chaplain.

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11, the Vicar.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.30; HM, 11, Rev A. Kinker, Collegium Regale (Howells); E and B, 6, Rev J. Slater (Noble in B minor).

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 9.15, 12.10; Parish Communion, 10; MP, 11, Rev C. Dunt; E, 6.30, Preb H. Louisby.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), A, O God, who by the leading of a star (Attwood).

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15 Rev R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: HC, 10; Parade Service and Epiphany Play, 8.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11, Missa brevis (Britten), Rev L. Boyd; E and B, 6.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M and HC, 11, Rev D. Morgan, Ben (Jackson in G), E, 6.30, Mag and ND (Wood in E flat), Sermon in music.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Stratham in D), Rev W. M. Atkins, Mot, Omnes de Saba venient (Handl).

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15, Rev W. P. Baddeley; MP, 11, and E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 12.15 and 6.45, Canon D. L. Edwards; M, 11, TD (Ireland in F), A, The Three Kings (Cornelius); E, 6.15, Int, Bethlehem Down (Warlock), Mag and ND (Stanford in A), A, O magnum mysterium (Scarlatti).

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion 9.45, Rev R. Swan; M, 11.15 and 4.15, the Vicar; E, 6.30, Rev A. Couch.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8, 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev A. F. Davis; MP, 11.15, Rev L. O. Rees; E, 6.30, Rev J. P. Hill.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Rev P. Harding (Schubert in G), Mot, Jubilate Deo (Lassus); E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, 12.15; M, 11, Rev W. P. Baddeley; E, 6, Rev E. G. H. Saunders.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9; SE, 11, Mgr F. J. Bartlett.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11, Rev R. K. Townley; 6.30, Canon H. C. Taylor.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Batten, Short), New Year's Carol (Britten), Rev D. B. Tiliver.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; M, 11; E, 6.30, Rev O. H. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 7, 8; HM, 11 (Darke in F), Rev H. Moore; E and B6, Rev R. Hayes.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, *Canon Irench-Beytagh.*

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11, Rt Rev Gerald A. Ellison; 6.30, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: LM, 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 and 7; SM, 10.30, Missa Laudate Dominum (Lassus), Jesu dulcis memoria (Plae Cantiones); O magnum mysterium (Morales); V and B, 3.30.

THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11 (Vaughan Williams in G minor); V and B, 3.30, Mot Jesu dulcis memoria (Victoria).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: SM 11 (Latin).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Missa Gloria in Excelsis (Dioxich), Jesu dulcis memoria (Byrd).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM (Latin), 10.45, Missa Quai e più grande amor (Palestrina), Jesu dulcis memoria (Victoria).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 4.15, 6.30 and 7.30; noon, Mass, Father K. O'Callaghan.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30 (at Holy Trinity, Kingsway), Rev Lord Soper.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev S. Johnson.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev R. T. Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: 11, Dr F. Gunbers.

SPORT

Football

Rangers capable of upsetting odds at Old Trafford

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

After the various upsets in the FA Cup replays during the week when the competition once again emphasized its distinctive character and its disdain for league status, it is a return to the steady grind for points this afternoon.

In these terms there are four contests that could have a considerable influence on the future. In each case, as the saying is, four points are virtually at stake. At the top of the poll is Manchester United against Queen's Park Rangers. Both have their sights on the title, or, failing that, a sufficiently high position at the end to earn them a place in next year's Uefa Cup. United, of course, also have a chance for Europe through the FA Cup.

Manchester United this season have again brought a refreshing attitude to their game, reminiscent of their salad days and far removed from their destructive, frenzied efforts to avoid relegation two or three years ago. They tarnished their image for a spell then. But now a new wind is blowing through the club and it is an attacking, creative wind. Using two wingers, Coppell and Hill, and playing 4-2-4 even away from home, they are driving at their opponents. They are offering entertainment and it is reflected in their large following which outstrips all others, even Liverpool and Aston Villa.

Today, however, will be a test for them. Rangers, lying fifth but only three points behind Liverpool and United at the top, are still confident of lifting the prize in what promises to be a photo finish. Firmly based at the back their main deficiency so far has been a failure to translate their subtle approach into goals. Only one away victory, too, has proved another millstone. But there is no doubt that they set others problems, particularly through the wayward artistry of Bowles, and the midfield vision of Masson.

While United—unbeaten since the return of Stepney to goal at the end of November—will be unchanged for the seventh successive game, Rangers will be without their England winger Thomas, injured in the Cup tie against Newcastle United. Even so it is not beyond their powers to upset the odds.

At the other end of the table a couple of desperate dog fights are promised between Birmingham City and Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Norwich City and Burnley. All are draped in dark colours, part of a funeral cortege heading towards relegation.

Following Birmingham's abject display in the home FA Cup replay against Portsmouth on Tuesday night it will be of interest to see what size crowd will deign to attend such a vital Midlands derby. Last Wednesday morning scores were vowing that they would never darken St Andrews's doorstep again. These no doubt were the fair weather brigade: perhaps they will soon forget. Birmingham at least should be strengthened by the return of Kendall to midfield, the one man—apart from Hibbitt, still injured—capable of feeding the potential of Francis up front. Wolves, for their part, should be feeling better after shovelling Arsenal unceremoniously out of the Cup.

Hard hit as anybody at the moment must be Burnley. Two or three years ago, backed by their youth policy, they were forecast to become "the team of the '70s". Now they are in trouble. Jimmy Adamson, so long with the club, has resigned as manager, leaving the struggle to his former assistant, Joe Brown. His baptism comes today with a side lacking Hankin and Summerbee (both under suspension), with Morgan and Peyton, the goalkeeper, injured. Loggie, an 18-year-old, makes his bow to league football, while Kennerley and Casper are brought into action. With only one Burnley win away from Turf Moor the odds must surely be on Norwich, even though the latter are in the shadows.

Tottenham Hotspur and Stoke City will play their postponed FA Cup third round replay at Stoke on Saturday, January 24, the date of the fourth round.

The Football Association decision means that Tottenham will now have a breathing space between fixtures instead of playing four matches in eight days.



Hooker propping up props: Madsen flanked by Carmichael (left) and McLauchlan.

Scots are narrowly favoured

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Scotland and France fire the first shots in a new championship campaign this afternoon (2.15) and a reasonable case can be made out for installing the home side as favourites—if not by much. Their record at Murrayfield has been unblemished since they lost to the All Blacks in December, 1972. They have retained—with Madsen preferred to Fisher at hooker—14 of the team that beat Australia 10—3 last month. And January is not commonly a month that finds the French at their effervescent best.

Difficult as it is at any time to predict how the French will play, this reasoning, at least in one respect, could be based on a false premise, because however strongly they finished, with McLauchlan and Carmichael storming through the middle from lineout peels, Scotland might well have lost their last international if Australia had displayed a greater steadiness at critical moments. And although it may not be exactly like Paris in the springtime, the weather in Edinburgh, after a wet and windy week, is remarkably mild for the time of year. France should find the superb going at Murrayfield more to their liking than their own Parc des Princes, which tends, for lack of grass, to be tacky in midwinter.

Since France finished the last five-nations tournament with a drubbing at the hands of Ireland in Dublin, they have played two internationals in South Africa—these with a side considerably below full strength—and three more against Argentina and Romania. The big games against the Springboks were lost 25—38 and 18—33. Those against Argentina ended in victories by 29—6 and 36—21. Romania were beaten in late November by 36—12, the wing, Dubertrand, running in three tries.

It is significant that for four successive matches France have listed the same pack of forwards. Three of their number—Haget and Palmie at lock and Paparemborde at loose-head prop—make their bow in the championship. The last-named played in both internationals in South Africa, and by all accounts revealed himself as staunch a scrummager as the other prop, Cholley, who made his mark against three of the home countries last season. It is likely that the Scottish front row a meeting foemen worthy of their steel. The recall of Madsen, however, will add an expert physical presence.

Another interesting item about the French pack finds the tall Bastiat, who has played only the odd game in the championship for several seasons installed at No 8 rather than at lock. The flankers, Skrela and the dynamic, fair-haired Rives, may give the Scottish half backs plenty to think about.

Outside the French scrummage, there is a mostly familiar look, with Sangali, in the centre, the least known on this side of the Channel. He won his first cap in the championship against Ireland last season, and then played with Bertranne, the other centre today, in both internationals against South Africa. The French rate his potential with some enthusiasm.

Although Scotland scored as many tries (two) against Australia, as they managed throughout the last championship, they could hardly feel complacent because one of them sprang from an interception. The other, admittedly, was a good one but, until the climax of that game, it was not a conspicuously creative Scottish performance.

I am told that when the Scots trained last Sunday, their scrum half, Morgan, spent a lot of the time working in close harness with his forwards. This suggests that Scotland intend to play it fairly tight and that, no doubt, is the wisest strategy against this opposition.

Reports from France suggest that Romeu has been at some pains this season to earn himself stand-off half as well as being a reliable kicker. If the conditions are ripe, many will hope that the French play as nature intended they should, with a flamboyance and brilliance all their own. If they click this afternoon France look like being the greatest threat to another season of Welsh supremacy.

The match has been made an all-ticket affair, following an uncomfortable overspill at the Welsh international last season.

Today's teams at Murrayfield

B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir)	15	Full back	M. Droitecourt (Montferrand)	15
A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP)	14	Right wing	J-F Gourdon (Racing)	14
J. M. Renwick (Hawick)	13	Right centre	R. Bertranne (Bagnerais)	13
I. R. McGeechan (Headingley)	12	Left centre	F. Sangali (Narbonne)	12
L. G. Dick (Jordanhill)	11	Left wing	A. Dubertrand (Montferrand)	11
C. M. Telfer (Hawick)	10	Stand-off	J-P Romeu (Montferrand)	10
D. W. Morgan (Stewart's-Melville FP)	9	Scrum half	J. Fouroux* (La Voulte)	9
I. McLauchlan* (Jordanhill)	1	Prop	G. Cholley	1
D. F. Madsen (Gosforth)	2	Hooker	A. Paco (Béziers)	2
A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland)	3	Prop	R. Paparemborde (Pau)	3
A. F. McHarg (London Scottish)	4	Lock	F. Haget (Agen)	4
G. L. Brown (West of Scotland)	5	Lock	M. Palmie (Béziers)	5
W. Lauder (Neath)	6	Flanker	J-P Rives (Stade Toulousain)	6
G. Y. Mackie (Highland)	8	No 8	J-P Bastiat (Dax)	8
D. G. Leslie (West of Scotland)	7	Flanker	J-C Skrela (Stade Toulousain)	7

* Captain

Referee: K. A. Pattinson (England)

Australians' stiff task

The Australians face one of their stiffest tasks outside the international matches when they meet Northwest Counties at Blundellsands today. The area team has beaten all three post-war Wallaby touring sides and became the first English regional combination ever to beat an All Blacks side.

Lancashire and Cheshire XV beat the 1947-48 tourists 9—8, Northwest defeated the 1957-58 Wallabies, 6—3 and the 1966-67 Australians lost 8—3. Seven of the side that gained the historic victory over the New Zealanders will be in action again tomorrow—six of them in the pack. And of the forwards, Neary, Cotton and Beaumont will also have the confidence gained from England's success at Twickenham last week.

Maxwell, the Headingley centre, will hope for a more fruitful afternoon than he had last week for England but with Smith, one of six Sale players in the team, at scrum half the Northwest backs should get a good service. Teams:

NORTHWEST COUNTIES: C. Tonne (Sale); M. Slemen (Liverpool), A. Maxwell (Headingley), A. Bond (Broughton Park), R. Briers (West Park), K. Aitchison (Fylde), S. Smith (Sale); A. Henry (Sale), J. Lansbury (Sale), F. Cotton (Sale), W. Beaumont (Fylde), R. Trickey (Sale), D. Robinson (Gosforth), P. Dixon (Gosforth), A. Neary (Broughton Park, capt).

AUSTRALIANS: P. McLean; P. Batch, J. Berne, G. A. Shaw (capt), J. R. Ryan; K. Wright, R. Hauser; J. Meadows, C. Carberry, R. Graham, R. A. Smith, D. W. Hillhouse, G. K. Pearse, M. Loane, A. A. Shaw.

Referee: K. Rowlands (Wales).

Harlequins, who have scored 243 points in their last eight matches, have been forced to make two late changes in their three-quarter line for the game against Blackheath at the Rectory Field today. Rutter, at centre, has to sit for medical examinations, and Bryan, of Oxford University, is recalled. The scrum half Rawle has been ruled out with an ankle injury and Winship comes in.

Hockey

Blackheath have little to fear from Hawks

By Sydney Friskin

Two training weekends and a divisional match bring together an exciting concourse of hockey players, some seeking recognition, others their acceptance into the international scene. An England under-21 party of 30 have been invited to the Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre and the Great Britain party will be at Bishop's Stortford. East meet Midlands at Woodhall Spa tomorrow.

Paul Svehlik, who needs no introduction, will not be at Bishop's Stortford as he is away in the United States on business. On the competitive side the activities of the Great Britain party (in training for the Olympic Games) have been cut to one match, against Lyons Club tomorrow (2.30).

In the London League the struggle for supremacy seems to have resolved into a tussle among three clubs, Blackheath, Southgate and Slough, Blackheath being the only unbeaten side in the competition. Blackheath should have no apprehension about keeping their lead as they are away today to Hawks who are in twenty-first position with a percentage of only 1.95.

Beckenham, whose fortunes have fluctuated in recent weeks, should get the best out of Southgate, who were surprisingly held to a 2—2 draw last Saturday at St Albans. Slough, who have strong resources in attack and defence should have no difficulty beating Maidenhead. Spencer, who are in fourth position and whose chances should not be discounted, will have a testing time at Tulse Hill.

The position at the bottom of the table is unaltered with Mid-Surrey, Cambridge University, London University and Hampstead, struggling for points. Hampstead who have not won a game yet in the League are playing a friendly match against Trojans. Mid-Surrey and London University play in the League tomorrow.

The senior divisional tournament having been eliminated from the calendar this year, the opportunity of seeing at least one match at this level presents itself at Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, tomorrow where East meet Midlands, starting at 2.0. In the event of bad weather the game may be played at Grove Sports Centre, Balderton, Newark.

Divisional matches are usually a pleasant hunting ground for England selectors some of whom will have a chance tomorrow to make a note of rising talent. Selectors in the East have omitted several experienced hands in favour of younger players and no one could complain about this policy. The Midlands will be without Disbury, who is with the Great Britain party but it is doubtful whether the Midlands selectors would have included him in any case. The East, too, would not have included Whitaker and French who are in the same category.

Paul Mager, one of the brightest young prospects, has been put down by the East as a travelling reserve but he is more likely to be at Bisham Abbey among the 30 under-21 players whose ultimate objective is the European under-21 tournament to be played early in June. The details of this event will soon be announced by the Federation Internationale de Hockey after their meeting at Cannes at the end of this month.

The teams for Woodhall Spa tomorrow are:

EAST: J. Hurst (St Albans and Hertfordshire), A. Knight (Ipswich and Suffolk), T. Machine (Bedford and Bedfordshire, captain), D. Barker (Hounslow and Suffolk), P. Newton (Welwyn Garden City and Hertfordshire), J. Watts (Welwyn Garden City and Hertfordshire), P. Hazell (Spencer and Hertfordshire), T. Sharma (Bedfordshire Eagles and Bedfordshire), M. Ganesh (Bedfordshire Eagles and Bedfordshire), Benawra Singh (Bedfordshire Eagles and Bedfordshire), S. Gurion (Bluebarts and Hertfordshire). Reserves: C. Preston (Boston and Lincolnshire), P. Mager (Grimsby and Lincolnshire).

MIDLANDS: D. J. Owen (Southgate and Worcestershire), M. Watson (Nottingham and Nottinghamshire), J. Perry (Edgbaston and Warwickshire), M. Elson (Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, captain), M. Harvey (Nottingham and Nottinghamshire), G. Hose (Worcester and Worcestershire), N. Criswell (Nottingham and Nottinghamshire), P. Pritchard (Cannock and Staffordshire), D. Church (Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester and Northamptonshire), P. Anderson (Loughborough Colleges and Leicestershire), W. Taylor (Derby and Derbyshire). Reserves: B. Gill (Nottingham and Nottinghamshire), N. Stone (Stourport and Worcestershire), I. Taylor (Stourport and Worcestershire).

Cricket

Baichan may advance his claim to selection

Newcastle, New South Wales, Jan 9.—Leonard Baichan, the "wallflower" of the West Indies cricket party, makes yet another attempt at Test selection in the two-day match against Northern New South Wales starting here tomorrow. Baichan, who averaged 81 in two previous Test appearances has been generally reliable on this tour, but has not been given a place in the Test side.

The steady opening batsman seems just the type to add some much-needed stability to the team. He looks the only probable newcomer to the side beaten by eight and seven wickets over the past three weeks by Australia, who lead 3—1 in the series. But the fast bowler, Holder, can be rated as having an outside chance of replacing Boyce.

It was announced in Brisbane that the Australian Test cricketers Thomson and Ian Chappell might quit their present states at the end of this season. Thomson said today that he would leave Queensland unless he received a sound financial offer to stay with them. Chappell, the former Australia Test captain who now plays for South Australia, said in Adelaide that he had received tentative offers from Sydney and Melbourne and was "just looking at them".

Thomson said he had had an offer to return to his home state of New South Wales, and unless Queensland came up with counter proposals he would probably accept it.

Chappell said: "My cricket-playing future is uncertain at the moment. I don't know whether I will be playing for any state next season." He added that he had been asked by a New South Wales official whether he would be interested in a transfer and had replied that he was open to any offer. The same applied to a Melbourne approach, he said.—Reuter.

Secretary resigns

Lieutenant Commander Ian Stoop, secretary of Sussex County Cricket Club, yesterday announced his resignation for "private and personal reasons". His offer to continue in office until Friday, March 5, has been accepted while a successor is being sought. Commander Stoop joined Sussex two years ago when he succeeded Arthur Dumbrell.

Indians for Auckland

Madras, India, Jan 9.—Seventeen Indian cricketers led by Bishen Singh Bedi, leave here today for Sydney on their way to Auckland to begin a tour of New Zealand and the West Indies. Umrigar, a former Test cricketer, is the manager. In New Zealand, the Indians will play nine matches including three Tests and in the West Indies 10 matches, including four Tests.—Reuter.

Mallett not retiring

Adelaide, Jan 9.—The Australian off spin bowler Ashley Mallett, today denied that he was retiring from first-class cricket at the end of this season. Mallett, aged 30, said he was seriously considering ending his nine-season association with South Australia and Australia, but added that it was wrong to presume he would retire now.

FREETOWN: Tour match: MCC, 182—8 dec (T. M. Cordaroy 81 not out, E. D. V. Knight 62) and 134—2 dec (J. R. T. Barclay 60 not out); Sierra Leone, 88 (D. C. Wing 6—31) and 115 (A. Good 4—23). MCC won by 113 runs.

Badminton

Bridge upsets top seed in semi-final

Seventeen-year-old Duncan Bridge (Surrey) caused an upset in the boys' singles semi-final at the All-England junior (under 18) championships at Wimbledon yesterday by defeating the top seed, Kevin Jolly, a 16-year-old Essex county player, 15—8, 9—15, 18—15. In the final today Bridge will play Gary Scott (Lancashire) who beat him in last year's final.

Jolly missed his chances in the final game where, having recovered from 2—7 down to lead 13—10, he was caught at 13-all. He netted two smashes and two other bad shots put him out. In the other semi-final Scott was too steady for the adventurous and attacking Simon Radley (Surrey) and won 15—4, 15—8.

Karen Bridge (Surrey), Duncan's 15-year-old sister and Paula Davies (Gloucestershire), the top seeds, will meet in the girls' final. Miss Bridge beat Karen Puttick (Sussex), a year her senior, 12—10, 11—7 and 18-year-old Miss Davies was just too big and strong for Diane Stormont, a 16-year-old Scottish junior international who lives in Surrey.

BOY'S SINGLES: Semi-final round: D. [illegible] Bridge (Surrey) beat K. D. Jolly (Essex), 15—8, 9—15, 18—15; G. [illegible] Scott (Lancashire) beat S. Radley (Surrey), 15—4, 15—8.

GIRLS' SINGLES: Semi-final round: Miss P. Davies (Gloucestershire) beat Miss D. Stormont (Surrey), 12—10, 12—10; Miss K. S. Bridge (Surrey) beat Miss K. T. Puttick (Sussex), 12—10, 11—7.

Gloucestershire do not pick England's No 1

Hertfordshire, looking suspiciously like Saracens, hope to settle an old score and move into the semi-final round of the county championship by beating Gloucestershire at Croxley Green today. The match is a repeat of last year's quarter-final round in which Hertfordshire, after a brave fight, were beaten by the boot of Butler, the full back. He kicked five penalties in a 15—12 victory and Gloucestershire went on to become champions for the second successive year.

Not surprisingly, Gloucestershire show faith in the prolific-scoring Butler by selecting him at the expense of the current England full back, Hignell. Apart from Butler's slide-rule goal-kicking, Gloucestershire's main strength lies in a mighty pack.

Golf

Holmes charges into the next round

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

Alan Holmes, who captained Cambridge the year he won the tournament in 1968, charged through two more rounds in the thick of the fray in the President's Putter at Rye yesterday. He overcame the 1976 captain, John Cross, at the 21st in the morning, and had a surprisingly easy victory over the holder, Clifford Weight, in the afternoon.

The glory was in the morning and, since both were round in 72, was evenly shared between them, until Cross, after a huge drive down the 12th, the third extra hole, fell between two minds with his nine-iron approach and, leaving the ball well short, took five.

In spite of the scoring, Holmes occasionally dropped a stroke with his putter, but he seems to be gathering strength as he advances and in his next round he putted well. His start (from the 10th) of 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4, one under par, was good enough to make him four up against Weight, and this strong start seemed to knock some of the spirit out of his opponent. Both Weight and Travers have a fine record at Cambridge and with another hard term ahead it would not be surprising if they showed signs of having lost their edge for the moment.

On the whole it was not a day for the younger generation. Lucas is the only survivor of the eight present Blues from both universities who started out. He was looking forward to meeting Dexter this morning, and this match should produce some splendid free hitting from both of them. Dexter gave a taste of his skill in finishing off Sparrow, who refused to go quietly. Dexter was on the front of the 15th green with a two-iron, six feet away from the flagstick at the 16th where a three-iron from the rough and the same club closed the draw when he safely found the 17th green with it.

The draw, now that the last 16 have been reached, looks better balanced than it did at first. With Dexter and Lucas is Attenborough, although he took a long time to turn four up with six to play into victory against Merry, who had reached the third round by hitting the fence at the 19th and bouncing back on to the fairway instead of going out of bounds.

If Holmes was the star performer of the day, the weather ran him close for that honour. The westerly breeze had slackened and sun shone all day on to a soft turf. This led to some closely fought matches in the morning, with six going to extra holes and another half dozen being fought on the last green. This in its turn may explain some of the big margins of victory in the next round so that once again darkness was cheated. Even Caplan finished his match, although he had to go to the 21st, holing out heroically, in the gathering darkness, to shake off Steel.

In the morning none had gone farther than Micklem, who beat Taylor with an unwavering four at the third extra hole. With officials anxiously consulting watches, those who went down the 19th had time for no more than a snack between rounds, but this did Micklem no harm. He started out again 4, 2, 3, his birdies at the second and third coming from long irons struck to within a few feet. He hit his tee shot to the fifth to 12 feet, but Morrison was inside him and won the hole in two. Morrison could not quite get back to all-square and Micklem went farther ahead with good putts at the 10th and 12th. This is Micklem's thirty-sixth consecutive Putter, and he is by several links the veteran of the last 16.

Yesterday's results

Second round

J. S. Scrivener beat J. R. Sanders, 3 and 1; E. R. Dexter beat J. N. Davie, 3 and 2; J. M. Cowman beat N. M. Williamson, 4 and 3; P. Dawson beat A. P. Stacey, 2 holes; G. J. Agate beat R. G. Heaney, 4 and 3; C. P. Harrison beat R. H. Maudsley, 6 and 5.

D. G. Lucas beat A. C. Johnstone, 1 hole; D. T. Sparrow beat J. P. Phillips, 3 and 2; P. A. Morrison beat H. H. Burleigh, 4 and 3; P. J. H. Bathurst beat H. W. Speed, 3 and 4; J. R. Thompson beat J. M. L. Anderson, 3 and 2; H. M. J. Ritchie beat P. M. Smythe, 6 and 5; J. M. Peel beat I. Earle, 1 hole.

J. L. T. Watson beat M. E. Kitchon, 1 hole; N. J. Ballbache beat J. V. Wilkes, 3 and 2; W. J. Reece beat G. T. Duncan, 2 and 1; C. E. Travers beat J. M. D. Roberts, 3 and 2; H. McL. Hayward beat F. D. Physick, at the 19th; M. F. Attenborough beat P. D. Sayers, at the 20th; P. B. Merry beat N. R. M. Philcox, at the 19th.

D. J. Yourzman beat J. C. W. Crawshaw, 1 hole; R. C. Seward beat J. S. Sutherland, 2 and 1; D. L. Mason beat A. J. Richmond, 4 and 3; C. L. A. Edginton beat G. E. Hewan, 4 and 3; C. J. Weight beat P. B. K. Gracey, 1 hole; D. M. A. Steel beat A. D. Swanston, 1 hole.

G. H. Micklem beat D. C. Taylor, at the 21st; D. A. C. Marr beat J. E. Wild, at the 19th; A. W. J. Holmes beat J. D. Cross, at the 21st; J. J. N. Caplan beat A. N. S. Fisher, 2 and 1; P. J. Barry beat E. J. C. Dunn, 2 and 1; J. R. Gillum beat J. W. D. Goodman, 2 and 1.

Third round

Lucas beat Scrivener, 3 and 2; Dexter beat Sparrow, 2 and 1; Dawson beat Agate, 6 and 5; Watson beat Ballbache, 6 and 5; Holmes beat Weight, 8 and 7.

Cowman beat Hayward, 2 and 1; Marr beat Bathurst, 4 and 3; Edginton beat Mason, 4 and 3; Ritchie beat Peel, 3 and 2; Reece beat Travers, 3 and 2; Barry beat Gillum, 6 and 5.

Attenborough beat Merry, 2 holes; Yourzman beat Seward, 2 and 1; Micklem beat Morrison, 2 and 1; Harrison beat Thompson, at the 19th; Caplan beat Steel, at the 21st.

Miller spoils round with a seven at final hole

Tucson, Jan 9.—Gibby Gilbert held a one-stroke lead at the start of today's second round of the £120,000 open golf tournament here after scoring a six-under-par 66 yesterday.

He was just ahead of the former British Open champion, Tom Weiskopf, with six players a stroke further back. They are David Hill, Jim Simons, Phillip Rodgers, Curtis Sifford, Larry Nelson and Frank Conner.

Tony Jacklin, of Britain, scored a 71 after going one over the final hole. Oosterhuis, the other British challenger in the first United States PGA tournament of the year, scrambled round in 73, dogged by ineffective putting.

John Miller, who won this tournament in 1974 and 1975, ruined a promising round with a seven—three over par—at the final hole to take 70. On the same mark is Tom Watson, holder of the British Open title.

LEADING SCORES: 66, G. Gilbert. 67, T. Weiskopf. 68, P. Rodgers, C. Sifford, F. Conner, L. Nelson, D. Hill, J. Simons. 69, M. McCullough, M. Hayes, J. Hurd, J. Schroeder, R. Mitchell, C. Coody. 70, T. Watson, J. Miller, B. Crampton, A. Jacklin. 73, W. Casper; 73, P. Oosterhuis—Ameneies.

Table tennis

English champion protests when draw is altered

Strong protests were registered by Denis Neale, of England, and Jimmy Langan, of Ireland, after the men's singles draw had been altered in the international table tennis championships, sponsored by Norwich Union, at Brighton yesterday. The change was made when Sweden's former European champion, Kjell Johansson, the second seed, withdrew with an injured right knee.

Because this left only one seeded player in the bottom half of the men's singles—Ingemar Vikstrom (Sweden) and Ferenc Timar (Hungary) had already pulled out—the referee, John Wright, decided to move another Swede, the former world title holder, Stellan Bengtsson, from the other half to take his countryman's place.

Langan, who could now play Bengtsson, was the first to raise an objection; he was quickly followed by Neale. The 31-year-old English champion would have been the only seed left in that section, following Johansson's withdrawal, and he said: "I have told the referee that the change is unfair. In my opinion he is wrong to alter the draw after the event has begun, and it started yesterday with the qualifying round."

Mr Wright commented: "Neale has a good point, but under the rules I am entitled to treat the qualifying rounds and the competition proper as two separate events. In my opinion the draw became unbalanced with only one seed left in one half and four in the other. That is why the change has been made and the Swedes are quite happy about it."

Jill Hammersley, England's main hope for the women's singles title, made an impressive start by winning her opening match without the loss of a game. Mrs Hammersley, seeded third for the title, which has not been won by an English player since 1967, was too steady in defence for Johanna Fetter, of Austria, and won 21—17, 21—14, 21—5.

Mrs Hammersley dropped a game in the second round to Sweden's Birgetta Olsson before reaching the quarter-final stage. England's No 2, Carole Knight, of Cleveland, was defeated by a seeded Czechoslovak, Blanka Silhanova, in four games.

Mrs Hammersley had no difficulty in disposing of Leicestershire's Karen Rogers to become the last British player in the women's singles. She reached the semi-final round in three games.

Yesterday's results

Men's singles

FIRST ROUND: A. Supancic (Yugoslavia) beat J. Allton, 21—12, 21—[illegible], 21—17; Z. Frackz (Poland) beat D. A. Reeves, 21—11, 21—12, 21—14; A. Grönlund (Sweden) beat H. Hatern (France), [illegible]; J. Walker beat M. Schenk (Czechoslovakia), [illegible]; B. Van der Helm (Netherlands) beat G. W. Tilling, [illegible]; D. W. Brown, 21—11, 21—14, 21—19; A. Griffiths (Wales) beat J. McNee (Scotland), [illegible]; P. Sandström (Sweden) beat S. Quentin, 21—20, 21—11, 21—11; P. Jarvis beat D. Nissoux (Belgium), [illegible]. [illegible] J. D. Constant (France), [illegible]; Fetter beat P. Judd, [illegible]; S. Warner beat [illegible]; [illegible] Kitchener, [illegible]; [illegible] Juck (Yugoslavia) beat P. Bowen, [illegible]; [illegible] (Poland) beat H. Beist, [illegible]; [illegible] (Sweden) beat M. Smith, [illegible]. R. Bijne (Netherlands) beat G. Davies (Wales), [illegible]; P. Vinlaid (France) beat S. Pfohlis, [illegible]; P. E. [illegible] beat G. Muller (Austria), [illegible]; [illegible] (Scotland) beat [illegible] Sewell, 21—10, 21—10, 21—13; S. Van der Walle (Belgium) beat R. W. Totten (Essex), [illegible]; [illegible] beat N. Van Slooten (Netherlands), [illegible]; [illegible] beat S. [illegible]; J. Langan (Ireland) beat [illegible]; [illegible] beat D. Douglas, [illegible].

SECOND ROUND: [illegible] beat Jurcic, 19—21, 21—14, 21—17, 21—6.

QUARTER FINAL ROUND: [illegible].

Women's singles

FIRST ROUND: [illegible].

SECOND ROUND: [illegible].

Weekend fixtures Kick-off 3.0 unless stated.

First division

Arsenal v Aston Villa
Birmingham v Wolverhampton
Coventry v Sheffield Utd
Derby v Tottenham
Leeds v Stoke
Liverpool v Ipswich
Manchester Utd v QPR
Middlesbro v Manchester C
Newcastle v Everton
Norwich v Burnley
West Ham v Leicester

Third division

Aldershot v Bury
Cardiff v Brighton
Chester v Mansfield
Chesterfield v Wrexham (3.15)
Colchester v Crystal Palace
Gillingham v Swindon
Millwall v Preston
Port Vale v Peterborough
Rotherham v Southend
Sheffield Wed v Hereford
Shrewsbury v Grimsby
Walsall v Halifax

[illegible]

Second division

Blackburn v Southampton
Blackpool v Charlton
Bolton v Luton
Bristol Rovers v Fulham
Chelsea v Oldham
Hull City v Nottm Forest
Notts County v York City
Oxford Utd v Bristol City
Plymouth v Orient
Portsmouth v Carlisle
West Brom v Sunderland

Fourth division

Bournemouth v Bradford City
Brentford v Torquay
Cambridge Utd v Swansea
Crewe v Doncaster
Lincoln v Hartlepool
Northampton v Barnsley
Rochdale v Huddersfield
Scunthorpe v Newport (3.15)
Southport v Reading
Watford v Darlington

FA CHALLENGE VASE: Fourth round [illegible]

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: [illegible]

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: [illegible]

NORTHERN LEAGUE: [illegible] Northallerton v Whitby; Spennymoor v Tow Law; [illegible] Billingham v [illegible]; Penrith v Ferryhill; West Auckland v Consett v Whitby.

Scottish Cup
Second round

Albion Rvrs v Glasgow Univ
Cowdenbeath v Selkirk
Forfar v Meadowbank
Forres Mechanics v Alloa (2.0)
Raith v Clydebank
Stenhousemuir v Brechin
Stirling Alb v Civil Ser Strollers
Stranraer v Keith (2.0)

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v Dundee Utd
Dundee v Hearts
Hibernian v Ayr
Motherwell v Celtic
Rangers v St Johnstone

Scottish first division

Clyde v Morton
East Fife v Partick Th
Hamilton v Dumbarton
Kilmarnock v Dunfermline
Montrose v Airdrie
Queen of South v Falkirk
St Mirren v Arbroath

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Third round, replay: Wealdstone v Cambridge City.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: [illegible]

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: [illegible]

Rugby Union

International match
Scotland v France (at Murrayfield, 2.15)

Tour match
Northern Division v Australians (at Blundellsands, 2.30)

County Championship Quarter final
Hertfordshire v Gloucestershire (at Croxley Green, 2.15)

Club matches
Army v London Irish (at Aldershot, 2.30)
Blackheath v Harlequins (2.15)
Bridgwater & Alb. v Abertillery (3.0)
Bristol v Bridgend (3.0)
Broughton Pk. v Waterloo (2.30)
Cardiff v Coventry (3.0)
Cross Keys v Aberavon (3.0)
Devonport Svcs v Weston-s-Mare (2.30)
Edinburgh Acads. v Hawick (2.30)
Exeter v Clifton (2.30)
Gala v Jedforest (2.30)
Gloucester v Leicester (3.0)
Glamorgan Wdrs. v S. Wales Police (2.30)
Glasgow Acads. v Gosforth (2.30)
Heriots v Bradford (2.30)
Harrogate v Rugby (2.30)
London Scottish v Rosslyn Park (2.30)
London Welsh v Bath (2.15)
Lydney v Old Edwardians (2.30)
Manchester v Headingley (2.30)
Metropolitan Police v Cheltenham (2.30)
Moseley v Northampton (3.0)
Neath v Swansea (2.15)
Newbridge v Penarth (2.30)
New Brighton v Wilmslow (3.0)
Northern v Liverpool (2.30)
Nuneaton v Fylde (2.30)
Orrell v Hull & E.R. (2.30)
Oxford v Esher (2.30)
Plymouth Albion v Guy's Hospital (2.30)
Sale v Bedford (2.45)
Saracens v Richmond (2.30)
Stroud v Coventry v O. Whitgiftians (2.30)
Streatham v Old Paulines (3.0)
Taunton v Penryn (2.30)
Torquay Ath. v Redruth (2.30)
Tredegar v Birmingham (3.0)
U.S. Portsmouth v Nottingham (2.30)
Wasps v Llanelli (2.30)

Lacrosse

TOUR MATCH: Combined Hampstead and Lee v Denison University (US) (at Orpington Sports Club, 2.30).

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Bucknell Hill v London University, Kenton v Croydon, St Helens v Purley.

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Boardman and Eccles, Cheadle v Old Waconians, Heaton Mersey v Mellor, Sheffield University v Stockport, South Manchester and West Didsbury v Timperley, Urmston v Old Hulmeians.

WOMEN'S MATCHES: Anglo-Irish trials (at Gunnersbury Park); Beckenham v Dartford (PE II, Chislehurst and Lewisham v Reigate, Guildford v West London, London University v President's XII, Putney v Blackheath, Watford v Hampstead.

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Southgate, Bromley v Cheam, Hawks v Blackheath, Hounslow v Reading, Mid-Surrey v Purley, Richmond v Teddington, Slough v Maidenhead, St Albans v Guildford, Surbiton v Old Kingstonians, Tulse Hill v Spencer.

OTHER MATCHES: City of Oxford v Cheltenham, Hampstead v Trojans, RAF v Dulwich (at Vine Lane), Wimbledon v Reigate, Worthing v Old Cranleighans.

WOMEN'S MATCHES: Territorial B tournament (at Eastcote HC, Ruislip, 10.30 am). County match: Cambridgeshire v Oxfordshire (at Sidney Sussex, Cambridge).

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Toronto Maple Leafs 5, New York Islanders 3; Philadelphia Flyers 6, Los Angeles Kings 4; St Louis Blues 4, Washington Capitals 2; Detroit Red Wings 5, Minnesota North Stars 0; Buffalo Sabres 8, Vancouver Canucks 5.

TOUR MATCH: Soviet Army 5, Boston Bruins 2.

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Phoenix Roadrunners 7, Cincinnati Stingers 1.

Tomorrow

Rugby Union

MIDDLESEX CUP: Fourth round (2.15): Lensbury v Harrow; Ruislip v Metropolitan Police; Osterley v Saracens; Old Gaytonians v Old Hamptonians; St Mary's Hospital v Finchley; Hampstead v Sudbury Court; Wasps v Hendon; Staines v Old Meadonians.

SURREY CUP: Quarter-final: Old Simeonians v Kew Occ (2.15).

OTHER MATCHES: London Welsh Under-19 v Rosslyn Park Colts (2.30); [illegible] Colts v Buckinghamshire Colts (at RAF Uxbridge).

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Dewsbury v Wigan (3.30); Featherstone Rovers v Leeds (3.30); Keighley v Huddersfield; Oldham v Hull Kingston Rovers (3.30); St Helens v Bradford Northern; Warrington v Salford; Widnes v Wakefield.

SECOND DIVISION: Barrow v New Hunslet (2.30); Blackpool v Whitehaven; Doncaster v Batley (2.30); Halifax v Huyton (3.30); Hull v Rochdale; Leigh v Workington (3.30); York v Bramley (2.30).

Hockey

DIVISIONAL MATCH: East v Midlands (at Woodhall Spa, 2.0).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Great Britain XI v Lyons Club (Bishop's Stortford, 2.30).

LONDON LEAGUE: Mid-Surrey v London University (2.30).

Golf

Oxford and Cambridge GS President's Putter (at Rye).

Lacrosse

Tour match: South of England v Denison University (US) (at Crystal Palace, 2.30).

Real Tennis

Henry Leaf tournament, preliminary competition (at Queen's Club, West Kensington, 10.0).

Rugby Fives

Open doubles championship (at St Paul's School, Barnes).

Squash rackets

Scottish Open championship (at Edinburgh SC); North West championship (at Preston); Plymouth invitation tournament; West Sussex Open Championship (at West Worthing SC).

TV highlights

BBC 1

Football: Preview (12.20)
Cricket: Highlights of West Indies v Australia fourth Test (12.45)
Racing: Haydock Park races at 1.0, 1.30, 2.0
Skiing: Men's Downhill, Wengen (1.10)
Table Tennis: English Open (1.40, 3.30)
Rugby Union: Scotland v France (2.10)
Football: Match of the Day (10.0)

BBC 2

Rugby Union: Scotland v France (7.0)

IBA

Football: Preview (12.35)
Skiing: Men's Downhill, Wengen (1.0)
Racing: Sandown races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0: Market Rasen races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45
Show Jumping: Great Britain v United States (3.10)
Wrestling: Gravesend promotion (4.0)

IBA—tomorrow

Football: Big Match (2.5)

SPORT

Racing

Money Market sound investment over distance that suits him

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Money Market, or High Ken, will become the first horse to win the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Handicap Steeplechase twice if either is successful at Sandown Park this afternoon. High Ken won the trophy two years ago when Bob Davies gave him a ride that I shall never forget. High Ken tried to win it again 12 months ago, but on that occasion he was put firmly in his place by both Money Market and Highland Seal. And once again he could find them both too good for him.

Three miles around Worcester last Saturday was clearly inadequate for Money Market, who is a dour stayer. But three miles and five furlongs around Sandown Park today should be much more to the liking of this horse who finished fourth in the Grand National last year. Twelve months ago Money Market beat Highland Seal by 10 lengths to land this trophy. The handicapper has allowed Highland Seal 8 lb for that result, but even that should not be enough to bridge the gap.

Yet, Highland Seal will be meeting Noble Neptune on 26 lb better terms than when they finished fifth and sixth in the Whitbread Gold Cup, which is always run over today's course and distance in the spring. Only a length divided them that day. Noble Neptune has done well this season. He won at Kempton and here in the autumn, and then finished fourth in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup.

However, Noble Neptune should not beat Highland Seal on these terms, and in turn Highland Seal should have his work cut out to cope with Money Market. The fly in the ointment as far as they are all concerned looks like Clonmellon, who has won his last two races, the first of which was here, in the manner of an improved horse. The going may not be soft enough yet for Rag Trade.

I feel that the distance in the William Hill Handicap Hurdle is ideal for Sunyboy and he is my firm selection. For one in only his second season jumping, Sunyboy excelled at Kempton Park on Boxing Day when he finished third in the William Hill Christmas Hurdle. Consider for a second his opposition. He was taking on Lanzarote, the former Champion Hurdler, and still one of the best in the land; Flash Imp and Tree Tangle, the two who finished second and third, respectively, in the Champion Hurdle last March.

Sunyboy was outclassed by Lanzarote, but he still did well enough racing against the other two, who are no mean performers, to suggest that he would win a nice prize for Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother just as soon as he tackled a longer distance. Now he has that opportunity. Aldaniti is an obvious danger. When Sunyboy finished second in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham last March, he was 15 lengths ahead of Aldaniti at the end. The ground was vastly different that day to what it will be today, yet Aldaniti is still meeting Sunyboy on 19 lb better terms, something that one cannot afford to overlook.

An interesting opponent for them both is The Dikler's young half-brother, Kas, who was backed down to 5 to 2 from ... to 1 before his first and only race so far at Wolverhampton; ... in the end by two short h... he just failed to land that ... ble. But h should have learnt com the experience. After all, was only the first race of his life. Yet he has never tackled the sort of horses that Balladur had to contend with recently.

There was definitely a ... flavour about the racing at Sandown Park yesterday. Grand Canyon, who was bred and reared in New Zealand and is still owned by a New Zealander, "Pat" Samuel, continued his winning ways when he ran away with the Tolworth Hurdle in the style of a good young jumper. Earlier in the afternoon another New Zealander, Ken Browne, won the Stanley Amateur Riders' Handicap Steeplechase on Tuscan Prince.

This was Browne's first ride outside his home country, where at the age of 41 he has already ridden 60 winners. Browne arrived in England last Monday shepherding the 11 horses that were bred in New Zealand that Stan Mellor has just taken charge of. Incidentally, Mellor told me yesterday that he has already sold eight of them, and he should not be long selling the other three when the word gets around about Grand Canyon.

At present the idea is to train Grand Canyon for the Lloyds Bank Champion Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham in March and to run him in between times in the Crick Hurdle at Chepstow in February.

Tingle Creek gave us a thrilling exhibition of lightning jumping when he won the Express Steeplechase.

Injury rules Easby Abbey out of Gold Cup

Peter Easterby, the trainer of Night Nurse, a leading Champion Hurdle candidate, landed a 104-1 double at Haydock Park yesterday with The Alickadoo and Inistioge. Both were ridden by Paddy Broderick. But this was a small consolation for Easterby, whose hopes of a Champion Hurdle-Gold Cup double have floundered with a mishap to his Massey-Ferguson Gold Cup winner, Easby Abbey.

The Malton trainer confirmed that Easby Abbey, having rapped himself when returning from Cheltenham, will not race again this season and that Night Nurse will probably have his pre-Champion Hurdle run in the Corporation Hurdle at Doncaster on March 2.

The Alickadoo began the Easterby-Broderick double in the Birchfield Novices' Handicap Hurdle. The Alickadoo had the race won from the seventh flight and won by four lengths. but Inistioge had luck on his side in the Earlestown Novices' Steeplechase. Cancello, the odds-on favourite, and rated a future Gold Cup winner by his trainer, Neville Crump, was cruising comfortably in front turning into the straight and Tim O'Neill's 49th winner looked a formality.

However, this promising young novice unseated O'Neill at the second fence from home, leaving Inistioge to win by eight lengths. O'Neill was unhurt and said: "Cancello went right through the fence, but I still ride him in the Wills Embassy Chase Final here in a fortnight's time."

Opposition unlikely to pass What a Buck

By Jim Snow

An 8 lb penalty is much harder to defy over three miles and 20 fences than in a five-furlong sprint on the flat in fast conditions when a big powerful horse can often shrug it off as though it were no more than a few feathers. For a jumper a penalty of 8lb demands a great deal more in physical effort and endurance.

Despite this my choice for Haydock Park's new race this afternoon, the £5,000 Tote Northern Steeplechase over three miles, is What a Buck, winner successively of the SGB Handicap Steeplechase at Ascot on December 13 and a fortnight later of another valuable race at Kempton Park. In the sponsored race at Ascot he led after the second fence and remained in front to win by a length and a half from Royal Relief and Bula. At Kempton he carried 11 st 10 lb, 2 lb less than he has today, in his six-lengths victory.

The record of What a Buck since 1973 is good. He has won eight races, four of these at three miles or more, and if he wins again this afternoon David Nicholson will have the difficult but not unpleasant problem of deciding between the Liverpool Grand National, the Scottish Grand National, or the Welsh Grand National. The two horses who may be the dangers to What a Buck are probably Cantabet and Even Swell. Cantabet has won his last two races at Newcastle and Teesside Park, both over three miles, and his penalty for his Newcastle victory is 4lb, half that of What a Buck, as the value of the Ascot race was twice as much as that at Newcastle.

From Neville Crump's stable there has come in the past three weeks a steady run of winners—nothing spectacular, but entirely satisfactory in that those horses whom he thought would run well have done so. His Even Swell has most consistent form this season, finishing second three times and winning once. In his last run four weeks ago the verdict in the photograph at Leicester showed that he was a head behind the useful King Flame. I think it might be a close affair between What a Buck, Cantabet and Even Swell, and they may finish in that order.

The two and three-quarter mile Merseyside Handicap Hurdle is an interesting race in this distance, as it attracts horses who stay three miles and those who have proved themselves over two miles and two and a half miles. The field numbers 11, and the market will be open enough to allow those who wish to bet each way.

If any horse in the race deserves success it surely is Prince Eleigh, trained in the West Country by Miss S. Morris. So far the first prizemoney has not come his way, but he has drawn place money in his last four races and they include two at Ascot when he was third to Lanzarote and Comedy of Errors in the Kirk and Kirk Hurdle, and a month later second to Lanzarote in the Long Walk Hurdle.

STATE OF GOING (official): Sandown Park: Good. Market Rasen: Good to soft. Haydock Park: Steeplechase course good; hurdle course good to firm. Windsor (Monday): Steeplechase course good to firm; hurdle course good. Leicester: Steeplechase course good; hurdle course good to soft in straight and soft in back straight.

Tennis

Additional incentives for Bradnam

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Christopher Bradnam, from Winchmore Hill, London, will have two additional incentives when he opposes Andrew Paton (Liverpool) in the boys' singles final of the British junior indoor tennis championships, sponsored by Green Shield, at Queen's Club this afternoon. As Bradnam will be ineligible next year, this will be his last chance to emulate his brother's success in this tournament in 1974. He broke even with Paton in their two matches last year. But in the second of them, at Torquay last month, Paton made an extraordinary recovery from 0—6 and 1—5 down to turn imminent defeat into a remarkable win.

A fortnight short of his seventeenth birthday, Paton is 11 months the younger, and could logically be regarded as having time on his side. But his challenge acquires urgency from the fact that in October he is to begin five years of university studies in medicine, a programme unlikely to accelerate his progress as a tennis player. Both youths must therefore be eager to bag this particular title while they can. The seedings and form suggest that it will go to Bradnam. Last year he reached the semi-final round of all three British junior championships (contested in turn on wood, grass and clay).

The girls' final will demand an umpire with a cool head and careful enunciation, as the players concerned will be Joanna Durie (Bristol) and Catherine Drury (Lincoln). Both are only 15, with Miss Durie four months the younger, though she has a considerable advantage in height. Seedings and form suggest that she will win. In 1975 she beat Miss Drury in three of their four matches. But the result that went the other way occurred the last time they met, which must plant a seed of doubt on one side and a seed of hope on the other.

The favourites were both taken to a third set yesterday, Bradnam by that improving left-hander, Mark Holland (Solihull), and Miss Durie by Anne Hobbs (Wilmslow). Miss Hobbs, whose slighter build indicated less enduring strength, may have missed her chance in the first set, in which she was overhauled after leading 3—0. She fought back to win the second, in which Miss Durie was serving for a 5—3 lead. But in the third set the bigger Bristol girl lost only 13 points.

Miss Drury's 6—2, 6—3 win over the second seed, Clare Harrison (Reigate), was perhaps the best of the day. Miss Harrison had the more resourceful and punishing game—when she could put it together. But she scored only eight points in the first four games, became worried, tentative, and erratic, and never won a game on her own service. Miss Drury's less flamboyant virtues lay in her quick footwork, her pertinacity, and the soundness of her thinking and her ball control. Carefully resolute in her rallying, she was also confidently accurate in seizing her chances. Miss Harrison, trying to exploit a more forceful game, was repeatedly tempted into error or indiscretion by a better match player.

BOYS' SINGLES: Semi-final round: A. N. Paton beat M. R. E. Appleton, 6—3, 6—2; C. Bradnam beat M. A. Holland, 6—3, 3—6, 6—3.

GIRLS' SINGLES: Semi-final round: C. J. Drury beat C. Harrison, 6—2, 6—3; J. M. Durie beat A. E. Hobbs, 7—5, 4—6, 6—1.

BOYS' DOUBLES: Final: M. D. Grieve and N. A. Rayner beat P. Goodman and A. N. Paton, 3—6, 6—1, 8—6.

GIRLS' DOUBLES: Semi-final round: A. P. Cooper and D. A. Jevans beat J. M. Durie and J. C. Rich, 6—1, 1—6, 6—1; C. J. Drury and A. E. Hobbs beat C. Harrison and C. A. Ledham, 6—4, 6—3.

MONTERREY: WCT tournament (quarter-final round): R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat C. Richey (US), 6—2, 6—7, 7—6; H. Solomon (US) beat E. Mondjual (Spain), 6—1, 6—3; B. Gottfried (US) beat B. Gottfried (US) ... 6—3, 6—1; V. Gerulaitis (US) beat G. Masters (Australia), 6—4, 6—3.

COLUMBUS: A. Pattison (Rhodesia) beat J. Alexander, 7—6, 6—7, 6—3; C. Drysdale (SA) beat D. Ralston, 6—2, 6—1.

Haydock Park programme

[*Television (BBC1): 1.0, 1.30 and 2.0 races*]

1.0 ASHTON HURDLE (4-y-o: Div I: £427: 2m)

1 24221 Darling Eve (D) (Mrs W. MacDonald), N. Crump, 11-0 ... C. Hawkins 7
2 1 Holly Twist (D) (J. Dixon), Dixon, 11-0 ... J. Goulding 7
3 020 Beechwood Lad (W. Bulmer), R. Bastiman, 10-7 ... T. Stack
5 02 Carabinier (Sir D. Larroa), Mrs Lomax, 10-7 ... A. Carroll 7
6 0302 Crimo Buster (J. Pickavance), S. Nesbitt, 10-7 ... K. McCauley
8 Dear Ramus (J. Shone), R. Edwards, 10-7 ... J. O'Neill
9 Divine Queen (B. Harwood), K. Oliver, 10-7 ... C. Tinkler
10 000 Faustine (M. Tate), Tate, 10-7 ... R. Evans
11 0 Got Lucky (Mrs P. Marsh), R. Murphy, 10-7 ...
13 0 Kishenian (Mrs P. Bevan), P. Bevan, 10-7 ... R. Weaver
16 2 Mon Cheval (J. Wilcox), L. Barratt, 10-7 ... S. Holland
17 4 Noron (L. Morris), Morris, 10-7 ... Mr R. Wilding 7
19 0 Quick Half (F. Markland), D. McCain, 10-7 ... J. Bourke
20 0 Ro-Lock (Mrs M. Harris), W. Atkinson, 10-7 ... P. Mangan
22 Seventh March (J. Vaughan), M. Salaman, 10-7 Mr J. Bowles 7

5-2 Darling Eve, 7-2 Holly Twist, 9-2 Crimo Buster, 6-1 Beechwood Lad, 8-1 Carabinier, 10-1 Divine Queen, 14-1 Noron, 20-1 others.

1.30 MERSEYSIDE HURDLE (Handicap: £3,457: 2m 6f)

2 112100 Grande King (C) (E. Phillips), M. Tate, 7-11-7 ... A. Phillips 7
5 2-43322 Prince Eleigh (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss Morris, 7-10-13 ... P. Keane 5
6 02-0210 Skiddaw View (J. Dixon), Dixon, 9-10-13 ... P. Broderick
7 00-0000 Zip Fastener (C) (R. McAlpine), T. Rimell, 5-10-13 ... Mr S. Morshead
9 1021-21 Master Spy (D) (Mrs T. Sainsbury), F. Forster, 7-10-10 ... G. Thorner
10 110-033 Willow Hound (D) (J. Macgregor), R. Sturdy, 9-10-7 C. Brown 5
11 111110 Hedge Hill (D) (O. Pierce), D. Candolfo, 7-10-6 ... P. Ecrton
14 000131 Welton Lad (J. Henderson), T. Barnes, 6-10-0 ... M. Barnes
15 0-03 Tasco (D) (B. Perry), E. Jones, 8-10-3 ... T. Stack
17 030-021 Good Prospect (T. Dudley), J. Edwards, 7-10-2 ... R. Evans
19 00-0101 Uncle Vanya (I. Jordon), Jordon, 6-10-0 ... S. Holland

7-2 Master Spy, 4-1 Grande King, 9-2 Prince Eleigh, 11-2 Good Prospect, 15-2 Welton Lad, 8-1 Hedge Hill, 10-1 Zip Fastener, 12-1 Willow Hound, 20-1 other.

2.0 TOTE NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £3,873: 3m)

3 11-4211 What A Buck (D) (Lord Vestey), D. Nicholson, 9-11-13 J. King
4 112-115 Royal Frolic (CD) (Sir E. Hanmer), F. Rimell, 7-11-3 ... Mr S. Morshead 5
6 2-22102 Even Swell (D) (Lord Cadogan), N. Crump, 9-10-6 ... J. O'Neill
8 011211 Cantabet (D) (J. Lisle), W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-2 ... T. Stack
9 f-52234 Prehistoric (T. Rathbone), D. McCain, 8-10-0 ... C. Tinkler
11 21012p Advocate (D) (C. Dryer), Dryer, 11-10-0 ... M. Wagner

6-4 What A Buck, 3-1 Cantabet, 9-2 Royal Frolic, Even Swell, 8-1 Prehistoric, 12-1 Advocate.

2.30 MAKERFIELD HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 2m)

1 0000-01 Stovepipe (CD) (W. Young), C. Bell, 8-11-7 ... D. Nolan
2 0-f1110 High Hatter (D) (J. Parrett), Porrett, 12-11-1 ... L. Griffiths
3 31180-0 Blaze Blaze (Mrs M. Atkin), O. O'Neill, 11-10-12 ... A. Webb 7
4 0130-04 Beholden (D) (Lt-Cmdr H. Wilson), S. Hall, 8-10-12 D. Munro
5 1231-00 Cast Iron (J. Pegler), O. O'Neill, 8-10-12 ... M. James 5
6 33110p Fair Cop (D) (J. Pickavance), S. Nesbitt, 6-10-11 K. McCauley
8 01040f Crazy Guy (BF) (J. Peters-Robbins), P. Dobson, 7-10-9 O'Donovan 7
9 00-00 Vanstad (D) (W. Allen), F. Carr, 8-10-5 ... S. Holland
11 33-0332 Rostock (D) (H. Dale), P. Bevan, 8-10-3 ... R. Weaver
13 f0a Dambolt (D) (W. Wilston), Wilston, 11-10-2 D. Cartwright
16 24363 Lingwell Lady (J. Sedler), S. Norton, 4-10-0 ... E. Fletcher
17 00304 Distant Cousin (Mrs A. Raphaelson), R. Bastiman, 4-10-0 ... C. Tinkler
18 0-31f00 Polo Pam (Mrs V. Powrs), D. McCain, 5-10-0 ...
19 4001-0 Kerry B (E. Birchall), Birchall, 6-10-0 ... C. Smith 7
20 3p0000 Frigid Frolic (G. Wyse), W. Clay, 7-10-0 ... N. Clay 5

11-4 Stovepipe, 4-1 High Hatter, 11-2 Beholden, 6-1 Fair Cop, Broomstick, 8-1 Crazy Guy, 10-1 Lingwell Lady, 14-1 Polo Pam, 20-1 others.

3.0 ROCHDALE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £603: 2m)

1 s011f1 Westby Lad (CD) (H. Lee), G. W. Richards, 7-12-1 J. O'Neill
2 110223 Birdland (Mrs G. Reeve), M. H. Easterby, 8-11-13 P. Broderick
3 201210 Wylam Boy (D) (Mrs S. Leck), W. A. Stephenson, 10-11-5 ... T. Stack
5 313320 Subway (D) (W. Locker), B. Wilkinson, 8-10-8 ... C. Tinkler
6 13up0f Soul Music (D) (A. Dewsbury), B. Cambidge, 6-10-7 ... A. Witton 7
7 4-01404 Gavins Bay (D) (Mrs E. Jones), E. Jones, 6-10-6 ... R. O'Donovan 7
9 0220f Why Go (Capt J. Wilson), Wilson, 6-10-3 ...
10 0b-3p0f Hijacker (D) (L. Slotover), J. Hulme, 7-10-0 ... R. Mangan 7
11 p-31023 Aucklander (N. Chamberlain), Chamberlain, 11-10-0 R. Fletcher
12 p40- Friendly Valley (Mrs J. Athorne), W. Wilston, 7-10-0 ... D. Cartwright
14 0pp-030 Salmon Storm (Capt P. Courage), Courage, 8-10-0 ... J. Barnes

9-4 Westby Lad, 100-30 Birdland, 4-1 Wylam Boy, 11-2 Subway, 8-1 Aucklander, 12-1 Gavins Bay, Hijacker, 20-1 others.

3.30 ASHTON HURDLE (4-y-o Div II: £424: 2m)

1 033311 Ingham (D) (S. Nesbitt), Nesbitt, 4-11-7 ... K. McCauley
2 Acre High (Mrs S. Alston), K. Stapleton, 4-10-7 ...
3 Blessed Boy (Mrs D. McCain), D. McCain, 4-10-7 ... J. O'Neill
5 0 Border Brief (P. Murphy), J. Berry, 4-10-7 ... D. McAllister 7
6 Doreen's Bid (H. Clayton), L. Barratt, 4-10-7 ... P. Anderton 7
7 0 Flirter (Mr J. Birdill), J. Birdill, 4-10-7 ... R. F. Davies
8 00 Gigsery (Mrs J. Prendergast), T. Rimell, 4-10-7 ... Mr S. Morshead 5
10 Great Reviews (W. King), M. Salaman, 4-10-7 ... J. Williams
11 00 Hysies (H. Cookson), M. Tate, 4-10-7 ... R. Evans
12 Imperial Queen (J. Scott), Scott, 4-10-7 ... C. Tinkler
13 020030 Medin (A. Brown), W. Atkinson, 4-10-7 ... P. Mangan
15 0 Prince of Normandy (Mrs N. Gittins), H. Gittins, 4-10-7 ... Mr R. Wilding 7
17 000 Spring Fling (H. Lawlor), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-7 T. Stack
18 Taj Mahal (J. Greaves), Greaves, 4-10-7 ... D. Greaves
20 s00 Uncle Newby (F. Wood), R. Edwards, 4-10-7 ...

5-4 Ingham, 7-2 Medin, 15-2 Acre High, 8-1 Blessed Boy, 10-1 Gigsery, 14-1 Flirter, 20-1 others.

Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.0 Darling Eve. 1.30 PRINCE ELEIGH is specially recommended. 2.0 What a Buck. 2.30 Beholden. 3.0 Westby Lad. 3.30 Ingham.

Sandown Park programme

[*Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races*]

1.0 STAND STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £657: 2m)

101 0304-11 Jolly Sailor (F. Shrimpton), F. Cundell, 7-11-13 B. R. Davies
103 000042 King Cloud (R. Leach), Leach, 9-11-3 ... K. Barker 7
106 010-2 Northerner (Major J. Rubin), G. Richards, 6-11-3 D. Goulding
107 4 Ophucheus (Lord Chelsea), G. Bewicke, 11-3 ... R. Barry
108 Salviati (M. Vickers), J. Gifford, 8-11-5 ... R. Champion
109 040- Summer Dance (Mrs S. Embiricos), R. Turnell, 9-11-3 ... A. Turnell

6-4 Northerner, 2-1 Jolly Sailor, 11-2 Summer Dance, 10-1 King Cloud, Ophucheus, 12-1 Salviati.

1.30 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (Qualifying Race: 5-y-o: £849: 2m)

201 11 Colonel Nelson (D) (J. Hughes), F. Cundell, 11-7 B. R. Davies
202 021210 Forlorn Raid (D) (Col. M. Hambro), L. Kennard, 11-7 R. Linley
203 0 Barnes Mor (R. McNeill), G. Richards, 11-0 ... D. Goulding
205 12 Elpro (D) (Mrs J. Brierley), N. Wakley, 11-0 ... N. Wakley
206 0 London Glory (K. Wheldon), V. Cross, 11-0 ... J. McKenna
207 0 Open Fire (M. Holt), F. Walwyn, 11-0 ... W. Smith
209 44 Salade (Mrs P. Isaacs), P. Mitchell, 11-0 ... R. G. Hughes
210 0300-40 Spanish Lantern (G. Shepperd), M. Goswell, 11-0 ... R. Rowell

5-2 Colonel Nelson, 4-1 Salade, 5-1 Forlorn Raid, 6-1 London Glory, 8-1 Elpro, Open Fire, 12-1 Barnes Mor, 16-1 Spanish Lantern.

2.0 ANTHONY MILDMAY, PETER CAZALET STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £3,733: 3m 5f)

301 20f-202 High Ken (CD) (R. Hirlaman), J. Edwards, 10-11-7 B. Brogan
302 11-p114 Noble Neptune (C) (G. Gooney), F. Winter, 10-10-6 J. Francome
303 1f01-p0 Rag Trade (P. Raymond), T. Rimell, 10-11-1 ... J. Burke
304 24p-011 Clonmellon (C) (Miss B. Sheridan), R. Armytage, 9-11-1 ... K. B. White
305 3144-43 Money Market (CD) (Lord Chelsea), C. Bewicke, 9-11-0 ... R. Barry
306 101030 Merry Maker (A. Mildmay-White), G. Dobley, 11-10-6 ... Mr A. Mildmay-White 5
307 1230-40 Highland Seal (CD) (Mrs J. Dening), R. Dening, 12-10-1 ... R. Atkins
308 0-24232 Esban (Miss D. Squires), D. Nicholson, 12-10-0 J. Suthern
310 0u1040 The Songwriter (P. Callander), J. Gifford, 7-10-0 Mr Gibson

3-1 Noble Neptune, 7-2 Money Market, 5-1 Clonmellon, 6-1 High Ken, 8-1 Rag Trade, 12-1 Esban, Merry Maker, 14-1 Highland Seal, 20-1 The Songwriter.

2.30 WILLIAM HILL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,752: 2m 5f 75yd)

401 f451-04 Mr Straight (Miss J. Miller), W. Rawer, 8-12-1 R. Forsyth 7
403 211-033 Sunyboy (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 6-11-13 W. Smith
405 0-p0 Rely (Mrs R. MacLeod), D. Morley, 6-11-6 ... G. Wilson
406 0210-02 Nougat (T. Vickers), J. Gifford, 6-11-6 ... G. Enright 5
406 11300-0 Jer (C) (G. St George), H. Price, 5-10-13 ... P. Kelleway
407 214-024 Southern Darling (L. Hooper), J. Gifford, 5-10-12 ... C. Read
408 3-20002 Shinto (S. Bosley), D. Nicholson, 6-10-12 ... R. Dickin
409 10343-3 Aldaniti (S. Embiricos), J. Gifford, 5-10-9 ... R. Barry
411 10010-0 Kiani (Mrs B. Wemine), F. Cundell, 5-10-5 ... B. R. Davies
413 000b23 Croftamie (Brig E. Toothunter), G. Balding, 8-10-5 ... R. Linley
414 0-04221 Current Gold (A. Picken), G. Richards, 5-10-2 ... D. Goulding
415 1rp-p04 Super Trojan (Miss G. Elliot), J. Cann, 6-10-0 ... L. Lungo
417 Elgar (G. Richards), A. Jones, 8-10-0 ... P. Steel 5

7-2 Sunyboy, 5-1 Nougat, 6-1 Shinto, Southern Darling, 8-1 Current Gold, 10-1 Rely, 12-1 Croftamie, Jer, 14-1 Aldaniti, Mr Straight, 20-1 others.

3.0 CARDINAL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £825: 2m 4f 68yd)

501 200-031 Garnishee (CD) (J. Goldsmith), Thomson Jones, 12-11-7 ... R. R. Davies
502 12-1101 Number Engaged (C) (A. Pratt), F. Walwyn, 8-11-3 W. Smith
503 240-121 Charlie Mouse (Mrs M. Wiggin), T. Forster, 7-11-5 ... J. Francome
505 024-130 Even Choice (S. Hunt), L. Kennard, 10-10-10 ... R. Crank
507 00-0402 Vulgan Town (Brig-Gen W. Gilbride), G. Balding, 10-10-0 ... R. Linley

2-1 Charlie Mouse, 5-2 Garnishee, 4-1 Number Engaged, 9-2 Vulgan Town, 8-1 Even Choice.

3.30 VILLAGE HURDLE (4-y-o: £1,174: 2m)

603 202 Balladur (D. Thorne), G. Balding, 11-0 ... R. Linley
604 0 Bellbrae (G. Luck), J. Gifford, 11-0 ... R. Champion
605 2 Boom Boom (D. Russell), F. Walwyn, 11-0 ... W. Smith
607 0 Cohen (Mrs G. Davison), A. Davison, 11-0 ... A. Crawford 7
608 340 Darcy (Mrs R. Adam), V. Cross, 11-0 ... J. McKenna
609 0f Friendly Steve (V. Edwards), P. Mitchell, 11-0 ... R. G. Hughes
610 Gently Does It (D. Hebditch), L. Kennard, 11-0 ... R. Crank
612 3 Kas (G. Dawes), J. Burn, 11-0 ... V. Soane
613 00302 Light Infantry (P. Brook), D. Barons, 11-0 ... P. Leach
615 02 Lone Eagle (Mrs L. Dewhurst), F. Winter, 11-0 ... J. Francome
616 Marleymix (Marley Ltd), M. Bolton, 11-0 ... R. Rowell
618 0 Priory Lad (Mrs J. Backhouse), J. O'Donoghue, 11-0 ... P. Butler
619 00 Quick Flash (R. Leach), Leach, 11-0 ... K. Barker
620 pp Tough Town (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 11-0 ... J. Suthern
621 Tromso (Mrs L. Bowry), M. Francis, 11-0 ... G. Enright

9-4 Balladur, 3-1 Boom Boom, 7-2 Lone Eagle, 11-2 Kas, 8-1 Light Infantry, 12-1 Darcy, 20-1 others.

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.0 Northerner. 1.30 Colonel Nelson. 2.0 Money Market. 2.30 SUNYBOY is specially recommended. 3.0 Garnishee. 3.30 Balladur.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Rely. 3.0 Garnishee.

Market Rasen programme

[*Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races*]

12.45 GRIMSBY HURDLE (Handicap: £413: 2m)

3 00-b001 March of Time (C) (P. Cook), P. Cook, 12-11-5 ... P. James
4 4p4020 Newenden Boy (A. Kemp), Kemp, 8-10-11 V. Percival
6 00010-0 Naval Whistler (CD) (J. Elvin), A. Dent, 5-10-11 G. Holmes
7 10-p010 Noble Gesture (D) (G. Soards), D. Yeoman, 6-10-11 ... C. McCauley 7
9 423400 Marchi (CD) (S. Bowring), F. Dever, 10-10-9 ... B. J. Wright 7
11 010011- Roius (CD) (W. Chapman), D. Chapman, 7-10-7 D. Turnbull 7
13 0 Banly (J. Tierney), Tierney, 6-10-3 ... P. Russell
14 440323 Golden Crescent (N. Blatherwick), P. Felgate, 10-10-0 J. Glover
16 100034 Last Week-End (C. Longbottom), F. Wiles, 7-10-0 I. Watkinson
17 0-00 Valwell (M. Ramsden), S. Norton, 6-10-0 ... J. Beaton
19 pp-p Julie's Dream (M. Chapman), Chapman, 8-10-0 ... Mr P. Millington 7
21 0- Careless (H. Everitt), G. Vergette, 6-10-0 Mr G. Vergette 7
22 0000-0 Adriatic (M. Ward), P. Kearney, 9-10-0 ... R. Hancox
23 000f-0 Vital Sanction (R. Sayles), Sayles, 11-10-0 Mr C. Ratcliffe 7
24 422321 Last Attempt (CD) (B. Hobson), B. Richmond, 6-10-7 ... M. Blackshaw
26 1nf00- Willask (B. Sayles), Sayles, 6-10-0 ... R. Sayles 7
28 0-00000 Easy Come (J. Smith), Smith, 7-10-0 ... Mr G. McCourt 7
29 p0fp-00 Super Prince (M. Chapman), Chapman, 5-10-0 Mr J. Kelly 7

3-1 Last Attempt, 4-1 March of Time, 6-1 Roius, 7-1 Golden Crescent, 10-1 Noble Gesture, Naval Whistler, 12-1 Last Week-End, Newenden Boy, 14-1 Marchi, 16-1 others.

1.15 SPALDING STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £476: 2m)

1 200-f00 Entwined (S. Maddever), Maddever, 7-10-12 Mr N. Henderson 5
2 0032-42 Gay God (D. Pearman), Pearman, 6-10-13
3 432232 Humber Light (R. Bennett), Bennett, 7-10-12 Mr R. Bennett 7
5 0-p0000 Joint Endeavour (H. Ford), A. Fisher, 7-10-12 Mr A. J. Wilson
7 Night Watchman (H. Burns), Burns, 7-10-12 ... Mr R. Gow 7
10 0203-14 Sallyraol (H. Burns), Burns, 8-10-12
11 s00p Sunda Princess (T. Dudley), J. Edwards, 7-10-12 ... Mr C. Crozier 7
12 40b0f-0 Top Score (Miss K. Marriage), J. Marriage, 7-10-12 ... Mr A. Heath 7
13 0 Vigorous Deal (W. Smith), Smith, 7-10-12 Major R. Faulkner 3
14 200444 Flowing River (T. Scotto), W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-10 ... P. Greenall
15 s1033-0 Supreme Sail (C. Thompson), V. Thompson, 5-10-10 ... Mr J. Walton

7-4 Humber Light, 9-4 Gay God, 11-4 Flowing River, 8-1 Supreme Sail, 12-1 Sallyraol, 14-1 others.

1.45 SCUNTHORPE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £340: 2m)

1 00 Come On Friday (P. Bowlby), Bowlby, 7-11-7 ... P. Brogan
2 13 Force Ten (S. Donaldson), W. Stephenson, 6-11-7 M. C. Gifford
3 f300 Hamadan (G. Pyket), P. Green, 7-11-7 ... R. J. Evans 5
4 p000 Light Smoker (P. Greenall), Mrs Greenall, 6-11-7 Mr P. Greenall
5 000-000 Robert's Joy (R. McLernon), P. Felgate, 6-11-7 ... L. Watkinson
6 2- Cock Sure (S. Cooper), B. Richmond, 5-11-0 ... Mr O'Shea 7
7 pp-lpf Hardy Star (G. Broadhead), A. Bacon, 5-11-0 ...
8 Lumby Wood (G. Adcock), Adcock, 5-11-0 ...
10 000000 Rutland (M. Chapman), Chapman, 5-11-0 Mr R. Corbett 7
11 Sue Judice (J. Earnshaw), B. Richmond, 5-11-0 ... Mr J. Earnshaw 7
12 000 Graphite (Mrs M. Bostock), A. Fisher, 4-10-7 D. Sunderland
13 000 Hemingway (J. Piggott), M. W. Easterby, 4-10-7 ... N. Tinkler
15 3 Ocean Voyage (S. Hartley), A. Dickinson, 4-10-7 B. Powell 5

15-8 Ocean Voyage, 5-2 Hemingway, 3-1 Force Ten, 8-1 Gusty Somers, 12-1 Cock O'Dean, Light Smoker, 16-1 others.

2.15 "JOE CORAL" GOLDEN HURDLE (Handicap: Qualifying: £1,062: 3m)

1 200-020 Newfoundland (Mrs I. Hamilton), Mrs Hamilton, 8-12-7 ... D. Turnbull 7
3 000000 *Vaguely Attractive (D. S. Murphy), S. Murphy, 7-10-13
4 211221 The Bay Turk (C) (T. Bayley), S. Palmer, 9-10-13 ... J. Glover
5 4-000p0 Thatch Acre (C) (D. Robinson), J. Perrett, 8-10-9 H. J. Evans 3
6 3200-14 Devon Mignon (R. Bethell), Bethell, 6-10-8 ... G. Holmes
7 0-0313u Ebornezersdouble (C) (J. Craig), F. Carr, 7-10-8 M. Blackshaw
8 210371 Romany Star (F. Kent), A. Bacon, 6-10-7 ... G. Shaw
11 000-1-0 Mine a Million (G. Strawbridge), Thomson Jones, 5-10-0 ... I. Watkinson
12 1102-03 The Radge Cadge (A. Taylor), J. FitzGerald, 6-10-0 ... M. Lowry 7
13 001420- Roman Tiffin (R. Smith), P. Kearney, 9-10-0 ... D. Hancox 7
14 11-0002 Castle Pride (D. Ramsden), S. Norton, 7-10-0 J. Beaton 5

100-30 Ebornezersdouble, 9-2 Good Prospect, 6-1 Devon Mignon, 7-1 The Bay Turk, Castle Pride, 10-1 Mine a Million, Romany Star, The Radge Cadge, 12-1 Thatch Acre, 14-1 others.

2.45 LINCOLN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £785: 3m)

1 40-1134 Glanford Brigg (CD) (P. Harper), J. Hardy, 10-12-7 ... M. Blackshaw
2 03-2322 Bakhtar (Mrs L. Carr-Walker), A. Kemp, 10-10-0 V. Percival
3 430-30 Flametra (R. Bennett), Bennett, 8-10-0 ... Mr R. Bennett 7
4 420-50 Salson (C) (G. Pratt), P. Green, 7-10-0 ... R. J. Evans 3
5 f53002 Harry's Best (K. Godson), G. Vergette, 6-10-0 P. J. Kelly 7

1-3 Glanford Brigg, 9-4 Bakhtar, 14-1 Harry's Best, 20-1 Salson, Flametra.

3.15 SCUNTHORPE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £340: 2m)

1 00400f Ballylough VI (P. Grecnall), Mrs Greenall, 8-11-7 ... Mr P. Greenall
2 Chantro (W. Smith), Smith, 6-11-7 ... Major R. Faulkner
3 00ppp0 Jacnic (J. South), J. Hurris 6-11-7 ... D. J. Nicholson 7
4 312520 Reich Mark (Mrs G. Madvari), R. O'Neill, 12-11-7 ... —
5 Scarlet Sky (B. Cambidge), Cambidge, 8-11-7 ... Mr J. R. Cambidge 7
6 400-000 Stationayre (Mrs C. Marriage), J. Marriage, 6-11-7 Mr A. Heath 7
7 0 Tunbridge Lane (Mrs S. Tierney), J. Tierney, 6-11-7 P. Russell
11 2030-00 My Ribero (C. Hague), B. Richmond, 5-11-0 ... M. O'Shea 7
13 Tringa (J. Hardy), Hardy, 5-11-0 ... M. Blackshaw
14 004210 Whispering Grass (C. Thompson), V. Thompson, 5-11-0 ... Mr J. Walton
15 Dantes Rogue (J. R. Wilson), H. Wharton, 4-10-7 D. Swift 7
16 u Kilmacanogue (J. Leigh), Leigh, 4-10-7 ... J. Jason 7
17 Repeatedly (J. Bowman), Bowman, 4-10-7 ... Mr G. Kersey 7
19 00 Screecher (J. Crowe), B. Lunness, 4-10-7 ... C. Young 7

9-4 Screecher, 11-4 Reich Mark, 4-1 Tringa, 10-1 Dantes Rogue, 14-1 My Ribero, Kilmacanogue, Jacnic, 16-1 other.

* Doubtful runner.

Market Rasen selections

By Our Racing Staff

12.45 Last Attempt. 1.15 Gay God. 1.45 OCEAN VOYAGE is specially recommended. 2.15 The Bay Turk. 2.45 Glanford Brigg. 3.15 Screecher.

Haydock Park results

1.0 (1.4) BIRCHFIELD HURDLE (£...: 2m 6f)

The Alickadoo, b g, by Fighting Charlie—Princess Flora (S. Chilis), 6-10-17 ... P. Broderick (13-1) 1
Ballygarvan Brook, b h, by Gr at White Way—Irish ... (G. Brookes), ... R. O'Donovan (11-1) 2
Autumn Rain, ch g, by Bailetin—Rainbow Jacket (S. Sladall), 5-11-0 T. Dickinson (11-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Indubitable, 8-1 Dominican (4th), Blue Gumsolen, 14-1 Exclusive, Swift Miss, ... Jar Kelly, Hilton York, Our Mulder, 25-1 Woolvale, Joint Affair (pu), 33-1 Newstown (f), Queen's Mildon, Coming Deal (f), Joy O. nen (p), 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, ...; places ... M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 4l, 1 1/2l.

1.30 (1.34) BOLTON HURDLE (£... : 2m)

Tinsalary, b f, by Alcide—Very Strong? (Mrs R. Dorinely), 4-10-1 ... N. Giel (5-1) 1
Icy Camp, b c, by Bivouac—Arctic Hill (Miss C. Holm), 4-10-6 ... B. Fletcher (12-1) 2
Mayoo, b f, by Mayfriend—Nectarant (Mrs J. Sutton), 4-10-5 ... R. J. Davies (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Fair Saint, 7-2 Adored, 8-1 Song of Solomon, 11-1 I'll Be Around, The Globe (4th), Silver Gal, 14-1 Prior Court, 20-1 Shiraz, Sarmaloth (p), Samanza, Villepertuan. ... ran.

TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 20p, ..., ... W. Clay, Uttoxeter. ... Deighton Prince, Robin John did not run.

2.0 (2.1) GAMEKEEPERS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £778: 2m)

John's Knapp, b g, by Warwick—Knapp's Charm (Mrs W. Lennington), 8-10-0 ... R. R. Evans (11-2) 1
London Express, b g, by London Gazette—London's Express (W. McFarlane), 9-11-7 ... J. Bourke (4-1 fav) 2
Stradygate, b g, by Doubtfire—Gamel II (Mrs D. Bent-Dawes), 10-10-10 ... A. Turnell (11-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Duforge (4th), 15-1 Bollman. 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 71p; forecast, £2.20. M. Tate, at Kidderminster. 3l, 7l.

2.30 (2.31) WHITE LODGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£... : 2m)

Velvet King, b g, by Vulcan—Tenture (G. Maguire), 8-10-2 ... J. Doyle (7-1) 1
Shipwrecked, b m, by Raelet—High Flare (Mrs J. Hall), 6-11-0 ... G. Platts (4-1 fav) 2
Dry Ice, gr g, by Silver Shark—Cold Response (D. Vernon), 5-9-7 ... A. Caswell (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-2 Gold Escort, 8-1 The Proudler, Hard Cash, 17-2 Otrenoo, 12-1 Philmount, 14-1 Fearn, 15-1 Porcewood, 20-1 Silver Glint, 33-1 Assumcere (4th), Bridge ..., Gift, Favourite Fella, Sir William Fox, Treve's Gift (f), Charles Edward (f), Cae ar Tiberius. 18 ran.

TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 28p, 25p, 15p. Dual forecast ... M. Tate, at Kidderminster. 4l, sh hd. Colsaar did not run.

3.0 (3.2) EARLESTOWN STEEPLECHASE (£..: 3m)

Inistioge, b g, by Aggressor—Button Boots (M. H. Easterby), 7-11-5 ... P. Broderick (7-1) 1
Sunshine Sam, b h, by Dusky Boy—Carlow Smile (Mrs D. Richards), 6-11-10 ... R. R. Evans (6-1) 2
Why Go, ch g, by Apollonius—Carman (Capt J. Wilson), 6-11-5 ... F. J. Leavy (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-6 Cancello (f), 8-1 Grenada, 40-1 Celtic Delight (4th), Restless (f). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.03; places, 30p, ...; dual forecast, £1.13. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 8l, 10l.

3.30 (3.32) WARRINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£... : 2m)

Past Master, b g, by Master Owen—Magar's Image (D. Dingley), 9-11-2 ... R. Reid (20-1) 1
Emma J, ch m, by Never Dwell—Principal Girl (B. Simonton), 8-11-0 ... R. F. Davies (5-1) 2
Destiny Hill, b h, by Power of Destiny—Scotts Hill (R. McAlpine), 5-10-12 ... K. B. White (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Torreples, 4-1 Doodle Bug, 8-1 John Brown (4th), 11-1 Pelnt Job, 11-1 Master Scorchin, 16-1 Glamorgy, 25-1 Stoney Pry, Pride of Olle, Border Belle. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.59; places, 30p, ... W. Whiston, at Market Drayton. 1 1/2l, 2l.

TOTE DOUBLE: John's Knapp, Inistioge, £57.65. TREBLE: Tinsalary, Velvet King, Past Master, £155.25.

Sandown Park

12.45 (12.47) METROPOLITAN HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £... : 2m)

Caspardale, ch g, by Frankincense—Wasdale (D. Parker), 5-11-0 ... D. Goulding (13-2) 1
Night Echo, ch g, by Salvo—Luz Mala (Power Packing London Ltd), 6-11-2 ... R. Crank (7-1) 2
New Formula, b g, by Dear Gazelle—Annellese (D. Hobdell Building Ltd), 6-11-0 ... G. Thorner (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Skyareagh (4th), 100-30 Bye Diamond, 10-1 Malolou, 16-1 William Penn, Annie's Five, 20-1 Approaching, Herald, Pailand, 33-1 Carrick Romany, Colliery Hill, Dawn Affair, Flying Prince, Holy Stone, Vectis, General Post, Holy Hill, April Girl (p). 20 ran.

TOTE: Win, 81p; places, ... G. Richards, at Greystoke. ..., 1 1/2l.

1.15 (1.17) STANLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £657: 2m 118yd)

Tuscan Prince, br g, by Black Tarquin—Lency Princess (Sir J. Thomson), 12-10-7 ... Mr K. Browne (9-4) 1
Iceman, gr g, by Amber Arctic Pearl (Mrs L. Brown), 10-11-13 ... Mr S. Morshead (7-2 fav) 2
Bramwell Boy, br g, by Combat—Lochan Park (Mrs M. Edmont), 9-10-7 ... Mr J. Mead (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Kevock Royal, 6-1 Hinterland (4th), 15-2 Moon Trim (f), 20-1 Jaliot (p), 25-1 Sir Virginian, Coletto (f), Spell (p), Indian Scholar (f). 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 15p, 16p, 15p. R. Armytage, at East Ilsley. 8l, 5l.

1.45 (1.47) TOLWORTH HURDLE (£1,553: 2m)

Grand Canyon, b h, by Oakville—Moataina (D. Samuel), 5-12-0 ... P. Haynes (2-7 fav) 1
Bears Paw, b g, by Bally Russe—Avonmore (G. Latter), 6-11-9 ... R. Barry (50-1) 2
Red Power, b g, by Kibenka—Lampo (Mrs O. Jackson), 7-11-7 ... J. Francome (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Arctic Mist. 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, 15p; forecast, 74p. D. Kent, at Chichester. 30l, 25l.

2.20 (2.21) EXPRESS STEEPLECHASE (£1,158: 2m)

Tingle Creek, ch g, by Goose Creek—Tringle (Mrs W. Whittaker), 10-11-9 ... Watkinson (8-11 fav) 1
Skymas, br g, by Skyros—Red Gloria (M. Magee), 11-11-8 ... S. Shields (11-8) 2
Dan'l Widden, b g, by Langton Heath—Last Waltz (Mrs R. Whiteway), 10-10-12 ... P. Haynes (11-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 10p; forecast, 27p. H. Thomson Jones, at Newmarket. 5l, nk. 3 ran.

2.55 (2.57) MOLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £858: 2m)

Socket, b g, by Crocket—Street Song (Mrs P. Jubert), 10-10-7 ... R. Rowell (3-1) 1
Persian Camp, b g, by Shiraz—Artistic Goddess (Mrs A. Arnold), 8-11-9 ... B. R. Davies (8-1) 2
Golden Fort, b g, by Fortina—Golden Pool (Mrs A. Collins), 11-10-7 ... D. Goulding (100-30) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav King Kong (4th), 6-1 Crumlin, 8-1 Ozandels. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 21p, 24p; forecast, £2. Miss A. Sinclair, at Lewes. 3l, 1l.

3.30 (3.34) METROPOLITAN HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £379: 2m)

Firing Line, ch g, by Salvo—Sweet Solange (Power Packing Services Ltd), 5-11-0 ... R. Crank (10-1) 1
Stemic, b g, by Darialamn—Ancona (G Stevenson), 5-10-... T. Bridge (20-1) 2
Pinchow, br h, by Shantung—Spare Filly (S. Powell), 5-11-0 ... P. Haynes (2-1 on fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Camlt, 11-1 Marron d'Or (f), 25-1 Little Bin (p), 33-1 Spartan Gold (4th), 50-1 Dokumar, Lovendon Lady. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, ...; places, 20p, ..., 12p; dual forecast, £5.55. L. Kennard, at Taunton, ... Sir Miss Gal and Thaddeus did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Grand Canyon, Socket, £25.... TREBLE: Tuscan Prince, Tingle Creek, Firing Line, £31.10. JACKPOT: £1,420.05 (paid on all six winners).

Skiing

Plank shows vital control to triumph at last

Wengen, Switzerland, Jan 9.—Herbert Plank, of Italy, so near to winning his last two World Cup races on the Lauberhorn course here, finally triumphed today when he edged ahead of more fancied skiers.

Plank, 21, the runner-up in the opening World Cup downhill race of this season at Val d'Isère, hurtled down a shortened Lauberhorn track at speeds at times exceeding 80 miles an hour to win from the Austrian Franz Klammer and Switzerland's Bernhard Russi.

Klammer, the reigning World Cup downhill titleholder, and Russi, downhill champion at the Sapporo Winter Olympic Games in 1972, produced near-flawless performances on the hard, bumpy 3.45 kilometre (2.1 mile) course, trimmed of about 800 metres of its full length.

But Plank, second to Klammer in the corresponding race last year and third behind Collombin, of Switzerland, and Klammer in 1974, showed just that vital bit more control on the tortuous final drops. He finished in 2min 8.48sec, one fifth of a second faster than Klammer who was fractionally better than Russi.

Plank, who recorded an average speed of 96.6 kilometres an hour (about 60 mph), probably owed his win—his first in a World Cup downhill since December, 1973—to mistakes by Klammer and David Irwin, of Canada, winner of this season's downhill at Schladming, Austria.

Klammer appeared to lose his balance at the foot of a jump in the upper portion of the track, and Irwin only stopped himself from falling with a miraculous recovery as he slipped on entering the final S-bend. Irwin, who set the fastest time for the first half of the course, appeared to falter twice, bounced off a boundary fence and crossed the finishing line on the seat of his ski pants, finishing 18th.

The Canadian party, which has been in excellent form this season, again did well, with entrants in sixth, 10th, 11th and 12th positions.

MEN'S DOWNHILL: 1, H. Plank (Italy), 2min 08.48sec; 2, F. Klammer (Austria), 2min 08.68sec; 3, B. Russi (Switzerland), 2min 08.72sec; 4, P. Roux (Switzerland), 2min 09.00sec; 5, M. Veith (West Germany), 2min 09.11sec; 6, K. Hunter (Canada), 2min 09.74sec; 7, W. Grissmann (Austria), 2min 10.01sec; 8, A. Steiner (Austria), 2min 10.09sec; 9, K. Eberhard (Austria), 2min 10.19sec; 10, D. Murray (Canada), 2min 10.24sec.

WORLD CUP PLACINGS (to date): 1, P. Gros (Italy), 109 pts; 2, I. Stenmark (Sweden), 81; 3, G. Thoeni (Italy), 60; 4, F. Klammer (Austria), 56; 5, H. Hinterseer (Austria), 51; 6, D. Irwin (Canada), 47; 7, G. Thoeni (Italy), 46; 8, F. Radici (Italy), B. Russi (Switzerland), 44; 10, P. Roux (Switzerland), 43.—Reuter.

Miss Kaserer's first win

Meiringen-Hasliberg, Switzerland, Jan 9.—Monika Kaserer of Austria, gaining speed over the lower half of a hard-packed track, scored her first victory of the season in a women's World Cup giant slalom race here today.

Four other skiers achieved faster intermediate times on the upper slopes of the 1,650 metres course with a vertical drop of 310 metres (about 1,017 feet), staked out with 50 gates. But Miss Kaserer, aged 23, from Neukirchen, went faster than them all as she swooped and swerved down the technically more difficult final section of the Planplatten course to finish with one-fifth of a second to spare over her nearest rival.

She achieved a time of 1min 20.71sec, with Danielle Debernard, of France, second in 1min 20.91sec and the Swiss Olympic champion, Marie-Theres Nadig, third in 1min 21.00sec.

The pre-race favourite, Switzerland's Lise-Marie Morerod, was swiftest over the first half of the course but later missed a gate and was disqualified, race officials said.

WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM: 1, M. Kaserer (Austria), 1min 20.71sec; 2, D. Debernard (France), 1min 20.91sec; 3, M.-T. Nadig (Switzerland), 1min 21.00sec; 4, ... 1min 21.23sec; 5, I. Epple (West Germany), 1min 21.49sec; 6, H. Wenzel (Liechtenstein), 1min 21.97sec; 7, R. Mittermaier (West Germany), 1min 22.04sec; 8, M. Bill...r (Austria), 1min 22.05sec; 9, K. Kreiner (Canada), 1min 22.1...; 10, A. Fisher (US), 1min 22.17sec.

British placings: 51, V. Iliffe, 1min 26.36sec; 66, T. Wallis, 1min 30.77...

COMBINED CLASSIFICATION (for today's giant slalom and yesterday's downhill): 1, C. Nelson, 10.23 pts; 2, R. Mittermaier, 15.06; 3, H. Wenzel, 15.44; 4, I. Epple, 14.98; 5, N. Spiess (Austria), 15.74.

WORLD CUP PLACINGS (to date): 1, R. Mittermaier, 118 pts; 2, B. Zurbriggen (Switzerland), 105; 3, B. Totschnig (Austria), 104; 4, C. Nelson, 69; 5, I. Epple, 64; 6, I. Lukasser (Austria), 62; 7, N. Spiess, 54; 8, F. Serrat (France), 53; 9, M. Kaserer, L. Morerod, 50.—Reuter.

A West Country double

From a Special Correspondent
Alpbach, Jan 9

In the British junior skiing championships, sponsored by Barclays Bank International, there was an outstanding day's skiing here today in the girls' giant slalom. A mere 0.62sec separated the first five contestants. Julia Eastes, DHO, the 15-year-old Bath schoolgirl, won the race in 80.15sec, beating Alison Tanner, Kandahar, into second place by a margin of only 0.09sec.

Miss Eastes wins the girls' championship with a total of 1,213.92 points.

Exciting though the girls' event was the real tension came in the boys' giant slalom in which Russell White, Dragon, AVSC, and Garek Begg, SSC, were expected to make a fight for first place. White, skiing sixth, already faced a challenging 63.45sec from his clubmate, Martin Wright, and had to attack the course from the start. He cleared the finish in 61.48sec.

It remained to be seen whether Begg could better him—he needed to complete the course in under 61sec to be certain of winning the championships but a slow start and a hesitant finish cost the Scots lad dear, his over-anxiety proving too great a penalty, and he finished fifth in 65.23sec.

White therefore takes the boys' championship on aggregate, providing, with Miss Eastes, a fine West Country double (and a headache for Barclays who now have to resolve the tricky problem of how to allot the various training awards). Begg is second overall in the boys' competition and Miss Cairns, the 12-year-old Scots girl, runner-up in the girls' championship.

BOYS COMBINED: 1, R. White, 935.62 pts; 2, G. Begg, 985.04; 3, M. Wright, 1,003.09; 4, I. Jones, 1,031.44; 5, S. Dobson, 1,033.51; 6, G. Simpson, 1,059.78.

GIANT SLALOM: 1, R. White, 61.48sec (aggregate time); 2, M. Wright, 63.54; 3, L. Jones, 64.30; 4, R. Irwin, 64.55; 5, G. Begg, 65.23.

GIRLS COMBINED: 1, J. Eastes, 1,213.92 pts; 2, K. Cairns, 1,240.80; 3, I. Birch, 1,255.00; 4, C. Cantrel, 1,257.77; 5, S. Blackshaw, 1,264.36.

GIANT SLALOM: 1, J. Eastes, 80.15sec; 2, A. Tanner, 80.26; 3, S. Holmes, 80.27; 4, K. Cairns, 80.67; 5, C. Jochum, 80.77.

Snow reports from European resorts

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	off Piste	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Crans	10	25	Poor	Varied	Sunny	-4
Worn patches						
Davos	30	55	Good	Varied	Fine	1
Lower south facing slopes icy						
St Moritz	25	45	Poor	Crust	Fine	-1
Worn patches on lower slopes						
Saas Fee	18	55	Fair	Varied	Fair	-2
Hard worn pistes						
Seefeld	5	65	Fair	Varied	Fine	3
Some good skiing available						
Val d'Isère	25	75	Poor	Varied	Fine	-1
Some upper slopes still good						
Villars	5	15	Poor	Heavy	Fine	10
South facing slopes bare						
Wengen	20	60	Fair	Crust	Fine	4
Lower slopes worn						

In the above snow reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources.

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
FRANCE					
La Plagne	60	85	Good	Sun	—
Le Corbier	50	110	Hard	Cloud	—
Les Arcs	60	80	Good	Sun	—
Les Gets	15	65	Good	Sun	—
Pra-Loup	35	85	Hard	Cloud	—
NORWAY					
Finse	200	250	Good	—	-8
Geilo	30	40	Good	—	-5
Gol	30	40	Fair	—	-2
Lillehammer	20	80	Good	—	-5
Norefjell	30	50	Good	—	-4
Oslo	30	50	Fair	—	-5
Rjukan	60	80	Good	—	0
Voss	100	130	Good	—	-5

Yachting

Anaconda takes a gamble

Great Britain II is leading the second leg of the *Financial Times* clipper race, Sydney to England, and is about 1,200 miles from Cape Horn, which she hopes to round next Friday. The British Joint Services entry, still leads the Australian yacht, Anaconda II, but last reports indicate that the gap was being narrowed.

Anaconda is taking the gamble of cutting the corner going further south, nearer to the Great Circle Route and the shortest from Sydney to the Horn, but could face considerable hazards from ice, cold, and poor weather.

Krater II, the French yacht, was back in Sydney Harbour waiting for a new rudder to be built and fitted. Her skipper's intention is to sail again on January 16.

Finn heat is declared void after competitors protest

Brisbane, Jan 9.—Today's sixth race of the world Finn class sailing championship series was declared void when a protest against the race committee was upheld.

Farmer, of New Zealand, was first over the line but was disqualified with many other competitors on the grounds that they had not completed the course correctly, lodged a protest and the international jury sustained it. The championship will now be decided over six races, with the best five performances counting. The final race will be sailed tomorrow.

Christopher Law, of Britain, with 8.7 points for his best four performances, now appears to be in a virtually unbeatable position. Second in the overall standings is Farmer, with Howlett, of Britain, third.

In the race only two of the 70 starters rounded the last marker buoy in the "correct" way. After the mistake was realized, 42 competitors in this international sailing championship retraced their courses from the finishing line to re-round the mark. The race was awarded, provisionally, to Bennett, of the United States, and second place to Busquet, of France, both of whom rounded the mark correctly. Law, of Britain, who led the bunch that retraced their paths to cross the finishing line a second time, was awarded third place.

OVERALL STANDINGS: 1, C. Law (UK), 14.4 pts; 2, J. Bertrand (Australia), 26.7; 3, J. Farmer, 27; 4, L. Gustafsson (Sweden), 34.8; 5, D. Howlett (UK), 41.—Agencies.

Strong winds holding up Kialoa

Auckland, Jan 9.—Strong headwinds were today reported to be hampering the progress of Kialoa III, the American ketch leading the 1,570 nautical mile Hobart to Auckland yacht race.

This morning, Kialoa was 104 miles from the north-eastern tip of New Zealand's north island, having sailed only 180 miles in the last 24 hours.

The 73ft ketch Windward Passage was reported to have found better conditions and had closed to within 23 miles of the leader. The New Zealand yachts, Buccaneer, Corinthian and Quando were next, between 60 and 150 miles behind Kialoa.—Reuter.

Pen Duick IV favourite for Cape-to-Rio race

Cape Town, Jan 9.—A flotilla of 130 boats will set sail from here tomorrow on what could be the last of the Cape-to-Rio yacht races.

The Brazilian Government's decision last week to close Rio to the yachts because of South Africa's apartheid policy dismayed the 1,000 yachtsmen taking part.

They went jubilantly back to preparing their yachts when the decision was reversed 48 hours later, but there was a strong hint from the Brazilians that they would bar future Cape-to-Rio races.

For the moment the problems have been forgotten. Thousands of sightseers are in Cape Town inspecting the brightly painted yachts at their moorings before setting off on the 3,600 nautical miles race.

The favourite is a French yacht, Eric Tabarly's Pen Duick VI, which was first home and handicap winner of the first leg of the Atlantic Triangle from St Malo to Cape Town, on to Rio and from there to Portsmouth, England.

Second on handicap in the first leg was another French entry, the Katsou, which broke a mast at the weekend. Andre Viant, the skipper, has been directing an emergency operation to fit a new mast and hopes to be ready for the start of the 16-nation race.

When the cannon fires the yachts will start at 10-minute intervals, with the 26 big class one craft, including Pen Duick VI, the first to unfurl their sails.

The fastest boat should take about 19 days and the slowest up to 35 days.—Reuter.

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Gilts up sharply as terms of new 'tap' stocks point to interest rate cuts

y Tim Congdon

Prices of gilt-edged stocks se swiftly yesterday afternoon ter the announcement of two w "tap" stocks. Some long-ted stocks were more than 2 oints higher, one of the argest daily advances ever corded.

The terms of the "tap" stock nnouncements were greeted ith enthusiasm by the market, hich interpreted them as a *gn that the Treasury* and the ank of England want to see terest rates move lower in oming weeks.

"Tap" stocks are issued to nance the Government's bor-owing requirement. If the uthorities decide to sell large mounts of *gilt-edged stocks by* tap" issues they have to keep terest rates high.

The market therefore watches ie terms of each issue closely ecause they indicate the offi-al strategy towards financing ie borrowing requirement.

One of the new stocks will e short-dated, Treasury 9½ per ent, 1980, with an issue of 500m, and the other medium-dated, Treasury 13 per cent 1990 with an issue of £600m. The *short-dated* stock is to be issued at a price of £93¾ per £100 nominal, to give a flat yield of 10.19 per cent and a *gross redemption yield of 11.54* per cent.

The medium-dated stock is to be issued at £90 per £100 nominal, to give a flat yield of 13.54 per cent and a gross redemption yield of 13.64 per cent.

These yields were slightly beneath those on neighbouring stocks when they were announced yesterday afternoon.

They encouraged buying of all types of stock, but interest was focused on the very long end, with maturity dates after 1995. It was here that the *largest rises were registered.*

Yesterday's gains were made more remarkable because they followed a week of exceptional strength. Since Monday morning the Treasury 13¼ per cent 1997 "A" stock, the market's pacemaker, has climbed by over seven points to produce a capital gain of almost 10 per cent in five days.

The burst of buying has been helped by expectations of a reduction in inflation this year *and next, which should in due* course be accompanied by lower interest rates.

There have also been signs in recent weeks that the Government's financial deficit will be smaller in the present financial year than it had at one time been feared, reducing the urgency of large official gilt sales.

Yesterday the trend towards lower interest rates was confirmed at the weekly Treasury bill tender, where the average *rate fell, although not enough* to cause another ½ per cent reduction in the minimum lending rate.

American interest rates also seem to be on a downward course. Leading American banks, including First National City of New York, announced reductions in their prime rates from 7¼ per cent to 7 per cent.

Lower interest rates on the other side of the Atlantic make it unlikely that sterling will suffer from the move towards cheaper money in Britain.

Shares index passes 400 mark

iy Terry Byland

Last night's upsurge in the ilt-edged market caught equi-ies at the point of entry into ie new trading account, and ent share prices racing ahead professional investors urriedly opened fresh bull ositions.

The *FT* index—on a late alculation—showed a net rise 11.1 at 401.6. This was the rst day that the 400 mark has *een passed since November* , 1973.

Over the two-week trading count, market indices have arked up gains of just over per cent. But more than a lf of last week's gains came late dealings yesterday, when e market was in fact trading the new account.

At 3.30 pm, the *FT* index od at 394.4, a net gain of ly four points on the day. rnover also was moderate til the final hour of the day ien brokers *were struggling* deal by telephone.

It was the market's leading stocks which saw most of the late activity. Among those to *add a further 3p or so between* 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm were Courtaulds, finally 5p up at 162p, ICI 7p higher at 353p, *Glaxo Holdings, 7p up at 370p,* and Bats 5p up at 350p.

The past fortnight has seen a mood of increasing optimism on the stock market, which has been stimulated by successive cuts in the minimum lending rate. *Yesterday's* unchanged MLR did nothing to shake the mood, which was given fresh encouragement later when *terms for the new tap stocks* were disclosed.

Response in the main to signs of falling interest rates has come from the property share sector, which has also been helped by announcements of property sales by several major companies.

On the industrial share front, confidence has been additionally *stimulated by the continued* strength of Wall Street, producing rise in Dow Jones industrial average to above 911. United States buyers were picking up *shares in BP in London last* night. A significant pointer for the oil share market may be BP's leap of 18p to 613p yesterday. *Previously* 600p proved a stopping point for the share price.

The past fortnight has seen a similarly confident performance from consumer shares, which had previously lagged behind. Investment commentators have suggested that the all important Christmas trading season has been more successful than had been expected.

A significant factor throughout the stock market has been the timing of the latest revival of *confidence. Jobbers kept* their stock positions tightly balanced ahead of the holiday period, and the sudden appearance of buy- drove prices ahead.

But turnover has also risen sharply. Thursday saw equity trading of just under £100m, the highest daily total since September.

Vall Street ontinues o advance

New York, Jan 9.—Share ices on the New York Stock change advanced today for e sixth consecutive session, mpleting one of the biggest eekly *gains in recent memory.* At the end of the day the w Jones Industrial Average d added 3.07 points, to close 911.05. This boosted the dex by more than 52 points is week.

The uninterrupted buying ree on Wall Street was tributed to several factors, cluding lower interest rates, easier monetary policy, con-mation of a sharp pick-up in w car sales last month and ns that American inflation is *oderating, reports Reuter.*

Advances led declines by 7 to 537, and turnover mounted to 26.51 million ares compared with 29.03 illion yesterday.

J S wholesale rices decline

Washington, Jan 9.—Ameri-'s wholesale price index feli seasonally adjusted 0.4 per nt in December, the Labour *epartment said today. The in-*x was unchanged in Novem-r, after a 1.8 per cent rise in tober.

*The United States unemploy-*ent rate remained steady at 8 per cent in December, cording to the Labour Depart-ent. *For all of 1975 the job-*s rate averaged 8.5 per cent, substantial jump from the 5.6 r cent average of 1974.—uter and AP-Dow Jones.

French exporters warned of 'fragile achievement'

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Jan 9

M Norbert Segard, Minister for Foreign Trade, said today *that in spite of the grave prob-*lems in the French economy the balance of trade for 1975 showed a surplus of between 5,000m (about £550m) and 6,000m francs. In 1974 the deficit had been nearly 14,000m francs.

But this achievement was fragile, and "one can only proceed with the greatest caution in forecasting the evolution of our foreign trade," he added. "We must expect difficulties in achieving our balance of trade *in 1976."*

The minister was speaking at a ceremony to award "export Oscars" to about ten firms *which had a particularly dis-*tinguished record in the export field last year.

He said: "The very marked increase in *our imports linked* with the recovery of economic activity in our country is not yet matched by a comparable increase in our exports, which are still impeded by the limited scope of recovery among our *principal clients, the industrial-*ized countries."

More sustained effort by exporters would be necessary.

M Segard's warning about trade prospects this year is regarded by some observers here as a sign that the figures for December, which are not yet published, are discouraging after the slight improvement recorded in November, and that the tendency for trade figures to be in the red in the two previous months will be confirmed. They blame the present high rates of exchange of the franc.

The minister said that if the *franc had been able to float* downwards, it would have meant a substantial increase in the cost of imports which would *not have been compensated* sufficiently by the increase in exports.

ELF-Erap link-up agreed

Paris, Jan 9.—Merger plans for the state-owned ELF-Erap Group and Ste Nationale des Pétroles d'Aquitaine, in which it has a 53 per cent holding, have been approved by the French Government.

The merger plans provide for ELF and Aquitaine to regroup their oil exploration and pro-*duction activities under a new* subsidiary 100 per cent owned by Aquitaine, and for ELF to make over its other assets to Aquitaine, which would then *adopt the name Ste Nationale* ELF-Aquitaine.

A joint communiqué issued by the industry and finance *ministries said the Government* asked M Pierre Guillaumat, the Aquitaine president, to take charge of the merger project, *paying particular attention to* protecting the interests of Aquitaine shareholders.

The Government also made clear it intended the new group to be first and foremost a normal industrial company with responsibility for its own profits and development.—Reuter.

Further fall recorded in standards of living

By Melvyn Westlake

There was a further fall in general living standards in Britain in the late summer, *although the decline was very* much less than that experienced in earlier months.

Figures published yesterday by the Central Statistical Office show a fall during the third quarter of last year of ½ per cent in personal disposable income after allowance for tax payments and higher prices.

This is popularly viewed as the best guide to general living standards, although it excludes certain government services and benefits, known as the "social wage".

This fall in real disposable income followed a much larger drop, of nearly 3 per cent, in the second quarter of last year. Thus living standards, on this basis were back in the late summer to where they had been *two years earlier.*

Yet in spite of this, people seem to be saving a very high proportion of their income.

In *the third quarter savings* reached 13.7 per cent of personal disposable income, against 13 per cent in the second *quarter.*

And it was only marginally below the record level of 14.1 per cent registered in the early months of last year.

The reason why this high level of saving is occurring is still far from clear.

But it appears that the spectre of further unemployment has led people to build up a higher level of savings out of a sense of prudence.

Yesterday's figures show a comparatively sharp 6 per cent *rise in total personal income* before allowance for tax and higher prices.

However, the increase in the standard rate of tax in the last Budget, higher national insurance contributions and "fiscal drag" (that is the tendency for inflation to push incomes into higher tax brackets), meant that the rise in post-tax incomes was 4¼ per cent.

But higher prices more than offset this increase, producing the net fall in real personal incomes.

This is reflected in consumer spending.

In money terms there was a *rise of 3¼ to 4 per cent in ex-*penditure by consumers between the second and third quarters, but in real terms (after allowance for higher prices) it was actually down by nearly 1½ per cent.

Taking the second and third quarters *together*, the fall in this expenditure amounted to 2 to 2½ per cent.

The largest falls in spending were on wines and spirits, tobacco and durable goods. These are the obvious candidates for pruning when household budgets are under strain.

It now seems certain that general living standards in 1975 showed one of the largest falls experienced in the past 20 years, with little early recovery in prospect.

This decline is a broad reflection of the fall in the nation's gross domestic product —that is *its total output of* goods and services.

GDP

Gross domestic product at constant factor cost (1970=100) and seasonally adjusted.

	Based on expenditure data	Based on income data	Based on output data	Average estimate
1972	103.9	103.5	104.6	104.0
1973	109.4	108.7	110.4	109.5
1974	110.5	109.3	109.6	109.8
1972				
Q1	101.8	99.1	101.5	100.8
Q2	104.4	103.8	104.6	104.2
Q3	103.8	104.2	105.3	104.4
Q4	105.8	106.9	107.7	106.6
1973				
Q1	111.1	108.1	110.8	110.0
Q2	109.0	109.1	109.9	109.3
Q3	109.4	108.6	110.8	109.6
Q4	108.2	109.1	110.6	109.3
1974				
Q1	107.1	103.6	107.5	108.1
Q2	110.7	109.4	110.0	110.0
Q3	113.2	111.8	111.2	112.1
Q4	111.0	112.4	109.7	111.1
1975				
Q1	110.4	108.6	110.0	109.6
Q2	108.3	106.6	107.2	107.3
Q3	108.0	105.7	106.6	106.8

Move to altr Price Code

By David Young

Proposed technical changes to the Price Code allowing Mrs Williams's proposed selective price restraint scheme to operate, have been announced by the Department of Prices *and Consumer Protection.*

The price restraint scheme is due to come into operation on February 1 and run for six months, but there have been indications from the retail industry that amendments to the scheme already outlined by Mrs Williams will be necessary if it is to cooperate.

Changes to the code are needed to allow companies to transfer price increases from items within the scheme to other items in order to recover the costs involved in adhering to the scheme.

The proposed changes to the Price Code—companies are asked to give their views on the changes by January 19 do not specify which goods will come in the restraint scheme.

It is widely felt that the products played will be bread, milk, green peas, biscuits, tea, sweets and chocolate, toothpaste, bedding and certain *clothing* although the department still describes this list as "speculative".

Under the scheme price increases for the goods on the list would be limited to 5 per cent for a six-month period, and manufacturers would be able to offset limiting increases by falling prices of other items. Items on the list have been selected as being everyday purchases by the average family.

Manufacturers are expected to cooperate, but the retail industry will next week present Mrs Williams with a list of amendments it will demand as the price for its cooperation.

The Retail Consortium and the Confederation of British Industry are to meet during the week to draw up the amendments. Retailers feel they are being asked to contribute too *much under the scheme* by agreeing to reflect the manufacturers' restraint and maintain their margins by loading prices of goods *not in the* scheme.

They point out that falling demand in general makes this impractical, and coupled with recent wage awards—the £5 a week settlement was a major rise for shopworkers, most of whom received almost the full figure—increases in rates and other charges, the industry needs flexibility to cope with the changing situation.

The fact that the scheme is well advanced and the Govern*ment is committed to the prin-*ciple of cross-subsidization means that the retailers are likely to win some small con*cessions* to enable it to be unveiled on schedule.

Community stands by accused UK official

From David Cross
Brussels Jan 9

Mr Benedict Meynl, the British official in the European Commission who has come under heavy fire from West German industry, received a vote of confidence from several quarters for his part in textile negotiations with on-member countries.

The Community Committee of Commercial organizations, which includes the West German body that demanded Mr Meynell's replacement, today expressed its confidence in the Commission's negotiating role *and said personal attacks on an* individual were inadmissible.

A West German member of the European Parliament, Dr *Egon Klepsch, a Christian* Democrat, echoed this view. The controversy could impede the EEC's attempts to secure trade agreements with third countries, he declared.

Although the Commission has not reacted publicly to the allegations levelled against Mr Meynell, it is apparently hoping the Bonn Government will first dissociate itself from the criticisms. Officials here said the delay did not mean that the Commission lacked confidence in Mr Meynell—quite the contrary in fact.

The Wholesale & Foreign Trade Federation, the West *German commercial* organization, claimed yesterday that Mr Meynell was seeking to impose new import restrictions, con*trary to instructions given* him by EEC member governments. Only by his removal, it alleged, could EEC members show that *they would not tolerate any* move down the slippery path to protectionism.

EEC 'marriage bureau' attracts British companies

Brussels, Jan 9.—British companies have shown most interest in the activities of the European Community's "Marriage Bureau", set up two and a half years ago to foster cross-frontier cooperation between medium *and small companies, David* Cross writes.

Of the 30 or so successful agreements reached since 1973, nearly 20 have involved British companies, the European Commission announced yesterday. West German, Belgian and French companies had each been involved in 10 cross-frontier operations. By contrast, the Italians have so far made *little use of the facilities offered* by the business cooperation centre.

The Commission was unveiling a progress report on the activities of the bureau, set up for a trial three-year period as the Community's first industrial policy instrument. The report is being transmitted to member governments with recommendations that its functions should now be consolidated, and possibly extended.

The Commission feels that the goals set for the bureau in 1973 have been largely met. More than 2,200 requests for information about such matters as national and Community rules in the legal, fiscal, social, and *competition fields have been* answered, and more than 300 requests for partners processed.

The success rate in linking companies is now running at over 20 a year after a slow start, compared with the goal of around 25 originally envisaged.

Most of the marriages arranged have been among companies employing between *50 and 400 people in such* sectors as the chemical, food and mechanical and metal construction industries.

About a dozen non-member countries, including Morocco and Mexico, have shown an interest in participating in the activities of the bureau. But the Commission doubts whether the bureau could continue to function efficiently in its present form on a world-wide basis.

SWS likely to reduce 21pc holding in Estates House

By Our Financial Staff

Slater, Walker Securities is reviewing the future of its near 21 per cent holding in Estates House, the investment trust which was formed out of the Lowson empire.

This emerged yesterday when Estates House sent out a progress report to shareholders, stating that the board was investigating possibilities for changing the nature of the group, including unitization or even liquidation.

The build-up of its stake in Estates House from the middle of last year was one of Slater, Walker's last positive moves under the chairmanship of Mr James Slater. At the current price of 244p it is worth some £9.75m. Slater, Walker has recently disposed of a large number of share stakes. One of the *factors that might prompt some* disinvestment is that its stake will increase to nearer 24 per cent, as a result of proposals *for a capital contraction* at Estates House.

Shareholders were told yesterday that the group had a net *asset value of 300p per share.* The main problem towards realizing that, however, remains one of marketability.

Well over 5 per cent of the gross assets are still in unquoted shares. Estates House has large holdings in former Lowson companies, such as Algoma Railway, Epicure Holdings, which owns the famous L'Ecu de France restaurant, *Trust & Agency* and Angus Milling, which it obviously wishes to reduce.

Shareholders' accounts for *1975 will be posted by April.*

Motor cycle workers may lift blockade

By Clifford Webb

Motor cycle production, which stopped nearly five months ago, may be resumed at Norton Villiers, Wolverhampton, during the next few weeks. In a surprise move, the 900 workers "sitting in" there have volunteered to return to work for the liquidator.

They were spurred on by reports that the West Midland Police Authority was proposing to buy expensive German BMW motor cycles because of the non-availability of the Norton Interpol—a police version of the Norton Commando 850cc machine favoured by them and manufactured at Wolverhampton.

Mr Kenneth Morgan, the liquidator in charge at Wolverhampton, said yesterday: "There are a few *small details* to tie up, but it does look as if we can resume temporary production of some four-hundred machines awaiting completion."

He said the workers' action committee had also agreed to release the 12,000 Villiers industrial engines blockaded inside the plant. They were worth in the region of £500,000 and some of this money could be used to finance the motor cycle completion work. In all, some *2,000 machines were in various* stages of completion.

The long-term future of the plant remained doubtful, however, a reported rescue bid by a consortium led by Mr Ronald Titcombe had not materialized.

*Meanwhile, the Meriden co-*operative may enter the police market with a modified version of the Bonneville, which is *already the cheapest 750cc* motor cycle on sale in Britain.

Until recent years Triumph motor cycles dominated the police market in Britain and many overseas countries, and are still highly regarded.

50 million tons of new tanker orders lost

By Peter Hill

World shipbuilders lost close on 50 million tons deadweight of tanker orders last year, and with little prospect of any early improvement in freight markets, further cancellations, increased rates of scrappage and laying up of tonnage were foreshadowed yesterday in two studies of the shipping market.

Orders cancelled or subject to cancellation negotiations at the end of the year amounted to 47.9 million tons deadweight, *according to the latest survey* of the market published by H. P. Drewry (Shipping Consultants). The survey noted that *although the tanker surplus last* month had been reduced to slightly below the 100 million tons mark by higher oil liftings, *the volume of tonnage idle rose* by four million tons.

A survey by E. A. Gibson, shipbrokers, underlined the *huge cutback in orders. It said* British yards had fared well compared with the big Japanese yards and some European *builders.*

Stores trade sags after earlier sales success

By Patricia Tisdall

High Street trade dropped off considerably this week compared with the outstanding results achieved during the early part of the January sales. But it is still well above the depressing results of the latter part of last year.

In London Mr Harry Shepherd, president of the Oxford Street Association, said that sales figures this week were "much closer" to the forecast levels. Last week, the association said sales were about a third higher than had been predicted.

Mr Brian Bennett, managing director of Dixons, Photographic, which has branches throughout the country, commented that while sales continued ahead of targets, they were not quite as good as after the holiday.

The storms last weekend *depressed the takings of some* stores, particularly last Saturday. This one day can account for 50 per cent of the week's trade in some areas, and retailers are hoping for fine weather today to redress the balance.

Another factor which added to the dip is that many weekly wage earners were last paid before the Christmas holiday, and had run out of cash by the end of the week. In some areas where companies did not resume work until Tuesday, trade on Monday was surprisingly good, Mr Bennett said.

Patterns of trade were localized. In Oxford Street, Selfridge's opening on New Year's Day proved a considerable draw for other shops as well. Knightsbridge stores expect that the Harrods sale, which starts today, will also bring in large numbers of customers to the area.

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£1m Scottish coal search

A £1m drilling programme to find new coal seams in Scotland has been launched by the National Coal Board, it was announced yesterday. The areas concerned are the Longannet mines complex, Monktonhall colliery near Musselburgh, Polkemmet colliery in West Lothian and also Musselburgh Bay in the River Forth.

The two-year drilling programme could lead to the sinking of two new pits, one at Longanner and the other near Musselburgh, said Mr James Cowan, the NCB's Scottish area director.

Savings Bank raises withdrawals limit

The limit for withdrawals on demand from National Savings Bank ordinary accounts is to be *increased from £20 to £50 from* Monday. The bank book will be retained if the withdrawal is over £20 and returned within a few days. The book will also be kept if two withdrawals of more than £10—previously £5—are made within seven days.

Aston Martin revival

Aston Martin Lagonda (1975), *the restructured car* company, has completed an export agreement under which £1m worth of cars will be *supplied to Japan in the next* two years.

The deal involves 50 of the firm's luxury V-8 cars, and has been completed with a Japanese importing agency almost a year after the Newport Pagnell company was faced with liquidation.

Since its rescue by a consortium of American and British investors, the company has secured orders for 250 cars, 150 of them from the United States.

Ford stores cars

Spare land will be cleared at the Ford car plant at Halewood, Liverpool, this weekend, *in an effort to keep full pro-*duction going. The aim is to store cars which cannot be delivered because of the delivery drivers' strike at Silcock and Colling.

Already more than 3,000 vehicles are being stored at the Ford plant.

MF currency pact seen as 'start of an era'

om Frank Vogl
ngston, Jamaica, Jan 9

Substantial changes in the ructure of the world's mone-ry system were formally cided here by the inter-minis-rial committee of the Inter-ational Monetary Fund.

The decisions, according to Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the ench Minister of Finance, mark the start of a new eco-mic and monetary era".

Similar phrases were used by any of the finance ministers discussing the agreements, hich include the ending of the ficial role of gold in the IMF d its replacement at the ntre of the monetary system the special drawing right.

There are new regulations verning exchange rates, which r Johannes Witteveen, the anaging director of the IMF, scribed as "a major step for-ard" on the road to full in-rnational monetary reform.

The agreements contain new ethods to increase economic olicy cooperation between ountries, and a strengthening of the IMF's financial resources *and of its powers in regulating* global monetary affairs.

Ministers also decided on a series of separate measures to give short-term financial assistance to countries with payments difficulties.

The total achievement was, according to M Willy de Clercq, the new interim committee chairman and Belgian finance *minister: "The resolution of* major political problems."

On gold, Mr Witteveen explained that the IMF would shortly start selling one-sixth of its holdings, totalling 25 million ounces, through public auctions.

Profits from the sales would be lent on highly concessionary terms to the world's poorest countries—those who in 1973 had annual incomes of $350 (about £173) a head, or less.

The sales would be spread over four years and, at the same time, another 25 million ounces of IMF gold would be restituted directly to IMF members in *proportion to their quotas* in the Fund.

Mr Witteveen added that *subject to an 85 per cent* majority vote of all member countries, the IMF might at some later point either sell or restitute the remainder of its gold holdings, totalling about 100 million ounces.

Profits from gold sales would be placed in a trust fund and could generate an estimated $400m (about £197m) this year, *Mr Witteveen said.*

Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is clearly more bullish on the gold price and suggested that some $585m of profits from gold sales might be produced this year.

Mr Witteveen said the Bank for International Settlements could bid on its own account in the IMF gold sales. He added that *the BIS could then* sell this gold to any of its customers as it pleased and that, of course, the BIS counted central banks among its customers.

M de Clercq said the ministers agreed that the gold sales would start "without delay". Informed sources here, however, *pointed out that it might take* up to three months for the IMF to arrange a method and timetable for selling the gold by auction.

The agreement which proved to be the most difficult for the *ministers to reach, involves* a 45 per cent increase in access to IMF borrowing facilities by member countries.

Mr Witteveen said he believed drawings on this newly increased credit facility by non-oil *producing developing* countries could total between $1,500m and $2,000m this year.

The developing countries sought larger increases and a reduction in the tough conditions the IMF could impose on loans granted on the major part of their credit lines.

Another agreement reached by the ministers forces countries to make their currencies available to the IMF for use in Fund transactions and operations.

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ASTMS reveals plan to fight Thorn closure

Plans to fight the proposed closure of the Thorn colour-television tube factory at Skelmersdale, Lancashire, have been drawn up by one of the trade unions involved, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs.

The union is demanding that the Government should control colour television tube imports; continue assistance to the company; draw up a planning agreement and take a substantial holding in the company.

The union has also asked for full details of recent financial negotiations between the company, Thorn Colour Tubes, and the role of RCA, which owns 49 per cent of the company.

Closure of the factory, which has a *production capacity* of a million tubes a year, although present output is running at 350,000, will mean the loss of 1,300 jobs.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 165.16 +3.53
The FT index: 401.6 +11.1

Rises

Akroyd & Sm	12p to 215p	Tank ord	15p to 180p
Barclays Bank	8p to 320p	Shell	12p to 492p
BP	171p to 612½p	Standard Chart	8p to 505p
Bury & Masco	5p to 35p	Sun Alliance	10p to 443p
Caravans Int	2½p to 5½p	Utd Dom Tst	3p to 246
Gen Acc	9p to 172p	Vickers	5p to 164p
Johnson Matt	10p to 363p	Weybourn Eng	7p to 470p

Falls

Bracken Mines	5p to 180p	Marievale Con	10p to 195p
De Beers Ind	10p to 560p	Messina Trans	5p to 320p
Elsburg Gold	5p to 170p	Peko Wallsend	15p to 480p
ERF	2p to 27p	Sentrust	5p to 220p
Hamersley	15p to 190p	Stocks, J.	5p to 63p
Imp Cont Gas	8p to 350p	UC Invest	5p to 225p
Linread	5p to 38p	Unilever	4p to 450p

Equities soared to their best levels for more than two years.

Gilt-edged securities scored some of their highest-ever gains as two new "tap" stocks were announced.

Sterling was 40 pts down at $2.0305. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.0 per cent.

Gold gained 75 cents an ounce to $156.75.

SDR-$ was 1.17341 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.577778.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1192.3 (previous 1187.5).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.69
Austria Sch	30.50	30.70
Belgium Fr	58.50	59.50
Canada $	2.10	2.09
Denmark Kr	12.50	12.40
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.75
France Fr	9.25	8.95
Germany DM	5.55	5.55
Greece Dr	80.50	78.50
Hongkong $	10.40	10.00
Italy Lr	1545.00	1490.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.55
Norway Kr	11.55	11.20
Portugal Esc	69.00	66.00
S Africa Rd	2.05	1.98
Spain Pes	124.75	119.75
Sweden Kr	6.10	5.80
Switzerland Fr	5.75	5.55
US $	2.07	2.02
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.50	39.50

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Broke, yes, but you can still avoid being a bankrupt

Some 7,500 people, compared with 5,208 in 1974, went bankrupt last year, according to latest estimates. It is by far and away the largest figure recorded for bankruptcy since the 1914 Bankruptcy Act hit the statute book.

The reasons behind this big increase in personal insolvency —bankruptcy applies only to individuals or partners, while limited companies are liquidated—are not particularly hard to find. Credit is easily come by from a wide range of sources: banks and credit card companies, hire purchase companies and finance houses. At the same time, there are the economic facts of life of the recession.

Putting these two together one arrives almost inevitably at increased bankruptcies, particularly as creditors themselves are becoming more unwilling to let awkward situations ride. They find it preferable to take action now.

Besides the desire for earlier debt enforcement, it is likely, too, that more people are voluntarily submitting to the bankruptcy procedures to rid themselves of an intolerable burden of debt.

But should so many of these people have emerged scarred with a bankruptcy tag last year? One man who thinks not is George Auger. As a partner in the accountancy firm Stoy, Hayward, Mr Auger probably handles more personal insolvencies than most other accountants. In his opinion "lots of silly bankruptcies needn't have happened".

Trained in the Official Receiver's department, the Department of Trade branch specializing in all insolvencies, personal and corporate, Mr Auger moved into private practice 10 years ago. Lionel Bart, Max Wall, Alan Pegler, the railway enthusiast, and more latterly Bob Woods of Norbury Insulation, are among the long list of both famous and unknown people in whose bankruptcy cases Mr Auger has acted as trustee.

Rather than bankruptcy, Mr Auger is a firm advocate of deeds of arrangement as an infinitely preferable alternative, wherever possible. The end effect is the same as being declared bankrupt: the individual is rid of the overburden of liabilities.

Although cumbersome, a deed of arrangement against one is rather less painful, from both an emotional and practical point of view, than being declared bankrupt.

The key point about a deed of arrangement is that it needs the goodwill of the creditors. Hence Mr Auger's comment about a lot of silly bankruptcies where the debtor has failed to take his creditors into his confidence about what is happening, be it simple misfortune, mismanagement or something else which makes it difficult for him to meet present liabilities.

Most debtors unfortunately are not sufficiently sanguine to do this. There is a strong tendency to run away (not necessarily literally, although that does occasionally happen, too) and let a bad situation slide into something even more disastrous. In these circumstances the creditors will soon be petitioning the court for a receiving order—the first step in the bankruptcy procedure.

On the other hand, with the consent of all the creditors an insolvent person can submit to a deed of arrangement. It is basically a private agreement—although it has to be formally registered with the Department of Trade—where the creditors accept whatever can be salvaged and the slate is wiped clean as far as the individual is concerned.

Wiping the slate clean means what it says for the debtor who has agreed to a deed of arrangement. He suffers none of the disabilities of the bankrupt. He can go into trade again; he may open a bank account; he may obtain more than £10 of credit. None of these freedoms are allowed for the bankrupt.

Also, bankruptcy costs much more. In 1974 only £1,212 was charged by the Department of Trade in ad valorem fees. With a bankruptcy, the department's audit fees will amount to 9 per cent of the assets realized.

Furthermore, under a deed of arrangement any money salvaged can, during the proceedings, be held in an interest-bearing bank account. Not so in bankruptcy, where the money is deposited, by law, with the Bank of England where it does not earn a halfpenny.

It is questionable today whether bankruptcy carries quite the same stigma as it did in times gone by. However, there can be no one who would actually wish for the description of bankrupt, if he or she could possibly avoid it.

There is no damning title attached to anyone who agrees to a deed of arrangement and, better still, there is little likelihood of even the fact of the insolvency becoming public.

Bankruptcy proceeding, which can be for as little as £50, although the Insolvency Bill before Parliament is recommending that the figure should be lifted to £300, are always conducted through a public examination. The Official Receiver, the trustee in the case and the creditors may all ask whatever pertinent and possibly embarrassing questions they will.

Under a deed of arrangement there is no such thing as a public examination and very little publicity, if any.

In the circumstances it is surprising to learn that deeds of arrangement are dwindling in number. In 1938 some 1,663 personal insolvencies were dealt with under deeds of arrangement. Last year when bankruptcies were higher than in 1938 only 106 deeds of arrangement were registered.

Mr Auger has very little doubt in his own mind that lack of knowledge, particularly among the legal profession, is one reason for the decline in the number of deeds of arrangement. Bankruptcy headlines help keep that subject in mind but, as Mr Auger says, "deeds of arrangement are such quiet things."

He believes the procedure is dying, which is a pity, because in his view the existence of a deed of arrangement means "hardly anyone need go bankrupt."

Margaret Stone



Mr George Auger: he is an advocate of deeds of arrangement which avoid the disabilities of bankruptcy.

Fixed interest investment

Sweet reason will not stop a bull

It has been a great fortnight for news on the fixed interest front. We have had the gilt-edged market roaring away on the hope of a fall in the rate of inflation, the belief that the rise in the Government's borrowing requirement was being checked and the fact of two small cuts in minimum lending rate.

We have had interest rates generally easing back, with Lloyds cutting its base rate from 11 to 10½ per cent, with the coupon on local authority "yearling" bonds dipping from 11½ to 11 per cent on Tuesday, and with the other clearing banks expected shortly to follow suit. And we have had Oliver Jessel casting doubt upon the whole concept of unsecured loans stocks as his own company, Jessel Securities, went into liquidation with deficits which suggest that unsecured creditors—including holders of the 9¾ per cent stock 1995-2000—will receive only 30p in the pound, and that only over a period of years. (This will be the subject of a later article.)

How much the rise in gilts has been a matter of a change in underlying sentiment and how much it has been a matter of technical factors, only the Government Broker can say. Certainly much of the impetus towards the end of the week came from the fact that he had been slow in feeding stock into the market to help fund the Government's borrowing, with—until Friday afternoon brought the Treasury 9¾ per cent 1980 and the Treasury 13 per cent 1990—no new "tap" stocks announced to replace the £750m Treasury 13¾ per cent 1997 "A" and the £600m Treasury 10¾ per cent 1979 "A" which were exhausted earlier during the week.

Gilt-edged observers have the impression, too, that he has been reticent in releasing any "unofficial tap stocks"—the long-dated stocks which he bought to support the market last year and for which there is now a demand which has been pushing prices up.

That demand has related principally to a growing belief that the Chancellor's target of single figure inflation by the end of [illegible] might indeed be met: and Mr Healey's tough talking on television has done much to strengthen it. Whether the talking will be matched by action is another matter.

With unemployment still rising the Chancellor is bound to be under pressure for some reflation in the spring budget: and the pressure will be a great deal stronger by the autumn.

Moreover, Mr Healey is going to have to contend with pressure from the unions—from the rank and file if not from the union establishment—to abandon attempts to control free collective bargaining once the policy of limiting pay rises to £6 per week comes to an end later on this year. And to the extent that Mr Healey's policy on inflation succeeds, his grounds for resistance to such pressure will be undermined.

So, even if the rate of inflation is down to between 10 to 15 per cent by next autumn, there must be a question mark over where it goes thereafter—particularly as by that time world economic recovery is likely to have commodity prices moving ahead, too. Under these circumstances, however attractive the return which they offer now, there must be doubts about the performance of longer-dated stocks on a year's view.

Meanwhile, the shorter end of the market will be vulnerable to [illegible] problems. With American interest rates still on the way down—Chase Manhattan cut its prime rate from 7½ to7 per cent on Thursday—and with the gap between domestic and Eurodollar interest rates still several points wide, those problems are not likely to emerge for a few months: apart from anything else the IMF loans mean that there is no immediate need to attract money to the United Kingdom.

But, even if there are still no real signs of a revival in United Kingdom borrowing demand, United States rates are almost certain to reflect the effects of economic recovery there with an upturn by the middle of this year. The implication is that United Kingdom interest rates are likely to be on the way up again by the autumn.

This, certainly, has been the argument upon which the building societies have been working in declining to reduce their own rates: they do not consider that the momentary relief to house buyers would compensate for the political problem which an about-turn later would undoubtedly create.

Sweet reason, then, says that short gilts, too, may prove a poor investment for capital growth on a one-year view. However, it does [illegible] the facts: and it is a fact that the gilt market is set on a bull tack at the moment.

Sweet reason has never proved particularly efficacious in stopping a charging bull, so investors must either keep out of the way or—if they fancy their footwork and reckon they will be able to jump off in, say, a couple of months' time—swing up on to its back.

The latter, assuming that they are high tax payers, might be interested in a low coupon stock such as the Transport 3 per cent 1978-88. The former should keep out of the gilt-edged market altogether for the moment, but they can reckon on being able to move back in at a lower level later in the year.

In the meantime the building societies offer the best home there is for their money. Yearling bonds, to be sure, have their attractions but, on the assumption that interest rates will be rising before the year of their currency is out, investors taking advantage of the fact that they are negotiable to sell might well find that they are doing so at a loss on their capital—which will eliminate the benefits of a marginally better return than the 10.77 per cent (gross) available from the building societies.

Finally, a new year resolution [illegible] I will not just leave my money in the bank". Even on a deposit account the return most of the clearing banks are offering is only 7 per cent gross and that contrasts with a rate of inflation which on the best expectations will still be higher at the year-end. As new year advice it does come rather late but, given the action Lloyds has taken since January 1, it is all the more pertinent for that.

Adrienne Gleeson

Consumer credit

The year credit law gets its teeth . . .

The Consumer Credit Act is at last acquiring a little snap and sparkle. The most far-reaching legislation on consumer credit that this country has ever seen, the Act, which received the Royal Assent last July, is being introduced in stages by a series of regulations.

The detailed provisions regarding the licensing of those, whether companies or individuals, who are involved in the field of credit were announced during the week. This will be a big operation, involving over the course of the next two years the processing of more than 100,000 applications for the licences.

From the public point of view, there are three dates to watch out for. One is August 3 this year, when it will be illegal for credit reference agencies, debt collectors, adjusters and counsellors to operate without a licence. Companies offering credit—banks, hire-purchase, finance houses, and so on—will require their licences by April 1, 1977, and credit brokers—anyone introducing you to a loan source and it is quite likely to be an estate agent, insurance broker or even a solicitor or accountant—must be licensed from December 1, 1977.

The relevance of a licence is twofold. From the consumers' viewpoint any agreement involving an unlicensed trader will not be enforceable in law. In practice, this will be a useful deterrent for both the individual and the company unwise enough to continue trading without a licence.

A perspicacious borrower could well take the money and then disappear, cocking a snook. Besides the loss of capital and income, the trader would also find he has committed a criminal offence in lending without a licence. This will be punishable either by a fine or imprisonment, or both.

Clearly, the new provisions will be so much water off the back in the case of big banks and hire-purchase companies who will pay their £45 per licence, plus £10 for any additional categories covered. But licensing will have a crucial role to play in the control of the big fringe area of consumer credit, including the debt collectors, who collect as little as 25p a week on debts as small as £30 to £50, and the credit reference agencies which vet applicants for loans.

The Office of Fair Trading tacitly acknowledges that these are areas of far greater concern to the public by stipulating that it is companies in these fields which will be the first to require licences.



Mr John Methven, Director General of Fair Trading

The Act is being administered by the office, whose Director General, John Methven, said on Wednesday: "1976 is going to be Consumer Credit Year as far as my office is concerned." However, the individual who is taking up cudgels about a company or person who he suspects is trading without a licence will most probably contact the local Trading Standard Officers, still better known as the Weights and Measures Officers, who will also help in administering the Act.

● During the coming weeks we will be looking in detail at the Consumer Credit Act, which has been such a long time coming into being. The Act's original progenitor was the 1971 Crowther Committee report, set up in 1968. The Conservatives first introduced the Bill into Parliament and it was later reintroduced by the Labour Government in 1974.

Apart from tidying up in one uniform package legislation covering all forms of consumer credit and its ancillary activities and thus replacing older Acts relating to pawnbrokers, moneylenders and hire purchase agreements, the Consumer Credit Act also represents one of the firmest developments in consumer protection the country has seen.

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Unit trusts

Pros and cons of being fully invested

One of the oldest problems facing unit trust managers is whether or not to stay fully invested. The modern view is that unitholders give their money to unit trust managers to do the best they can, irrespective of whether or not they remain in equities.

On the other hand, this approach is not always the fail-safe system its proponents originally believed. Take last year. Fund managers were heavily liquid at the beginning and were caught short when the market suddenly turned in January.

A group remaining true to the older-fashioned idea of being in equities come fair or foul weather, because this was what unitholders wanted when they first entrusted their money to the fund managers, would have been far better placed to turn in a good performance last year.

Schlesinger Trust Managers, who look after the Trident stable of funds, have looked at this problem and solved it in a typically British way, by compromising. They already have their conventional growth fund, the UK Growth fund, which will go liquid as and when short-term market views dictate this course of action. But for those who want a totally different investment philosophy the group is about to launch a second United Kingdom growth-oriented fund, Market Leaders, which will have as one of its avowed aims staying fully invested in all but the very trough of a bear market.

● *My own view is that a unit trust is a managed fund and that the unitholder wants his money to be managed, not left in the market irrespective of conditions. The situation at the beginning of last year when managers were handicapped by an active management philosophy does not occur all that often. On balance, I prefer the United Kingdom Growth fund, even though its 1974 record, up 44.1 per cent, clearly helped prompt Schlesinger's into this new venture.*

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Allied Hambro has revamped the old First National Growth Fund it took over from tre troubled First National Finance Corporation last year. The fund, some £150,000, has been re-launched as the Allied Hambro Pacific Fund, and as its name suggests it will concentrate on that area with initially some 60 per cent in Japan and Hongkong, 40 per cent in Singapore and Malaysia and later the odd flurry in other markets, such as the Philippines. The managers are waiting for the new government in Australia to shape up before including this market.

Mark St Giles who has moved over to Allied Hambro after his success with the Jessel unit trusts before the collapse of that empire, has strong views about this part o fthe world's prospects. The new fund has not been designed as a gap-filler, although it has that secondary function, but because of large populations in semi-industrialized countries with increasing consumer appetites.

● *I am not such a committed bull of these markets for this year, although I believe they will do well. However, I do appreciate the overall philosophy and the management is going to be on its mettle to do well. So it could be an addition for those who feel, like myself, that specialist funds have a lot going for them this year.*

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Why on earth Save and Prosper is adding to the already great confusion over name and management changes and renaming its Ebor High Return fund the S & P High Return fund, I just don't know. After all, the investment management, which does happen to matter, will be the same either way.

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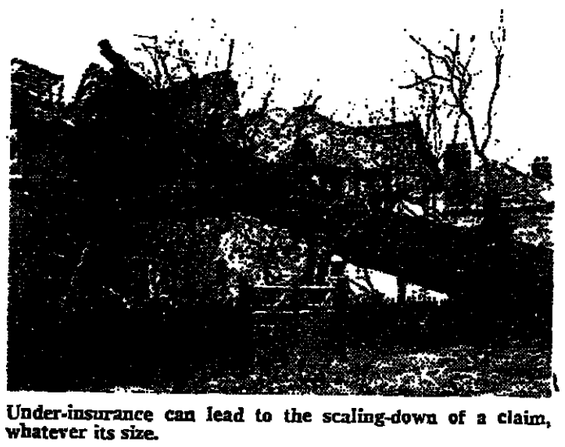
Don't allow yourself to be caught out in the storm

A massive storm like last weekend's is when insurers are really put on their mettle; and when policyholders run the risk of finding that they were not fully protected. Thinking first of storm damage (and leaving aside the problem of flood and the dividing line between the two) most policies for private house buildings cover this type of damage. Usually, however, there is an excess of £15 or so, unless an additional premium has been paid to delete it.

Since the majority of policies give no extra benefit if a claim is not made, it is worth putting in a claim even if the repairs may not amount to very much more than the excess which has to be met from your own resources.

Many policies cover the breakage or collapse of television aerials without any excess, but the majority exclude all damage to fences or gates if caused by "storm or tempest".

Will the insurers pay in full? The large and well-known insurance companies have a good reputation for settling household claims—whether the insurance has been arranged through a building society, through a broker or other agent, or direct with the insurers. But of course they are not charities, and they cannot afford to exceed their legal obligations by too great a margin.



Under-insurance can lead to the scaling-down of a claim, whatever its size.

As an incentive to get policyholders to insure for the correct amounts (of which more later), some insurers have been saying that provided the sum insured is adequate, the full cost of reinstating buildings will be met, without any deduction for wear and tear—provided the building has been maintained in a good state of repair.

In fact, most insurers have taken a fairly lenient line in the past and have not asked for significant contributions to repairs—unless, of course, a householder has chosen to incorporate improvements at the same time. But naturally they have been concerned that maintenance should have been reasonable.

The point to remember is that insurance is not a maintenance contract; it is not designed to pay up when something which was on its last legs finally succumbs in a storm.

The next important question is whether the house was insured for the full cost of rebuilding, or whether there was any underinsurance. This can affect a claim settlement, although theory and practice are not always identical.

Most policies issued by underwriters at Lloyd's contain the average clause (although many underwriters are prepared to delete it if the business comes through a building society). The practical effect of this clause is that, if the sum insured is less than the cost of rebuilding (ignoring the market value) with the result that there is underinsurance, any claim (however small) can be scaled down in the same proportion as the underinsurance.

Most companies, however, rely on a full value warranty (or a similar clause) either in the proposal form or the policy. In effect this stipulates that the property must be insured for the full value. It can be argued that failure to comply means that the policy could be voided altogether. Naturally, a company would not take such drastic action; but it might pay a scaled-down claim on an ex gratia basis.

In view of the rises in building costs, comparatively few houses are fully insured. But that does not mean that insurance companies are going to have a field day by scaling down the great majority of claims. It looks as though most of the claims from householders may be for less than £100 (and many may be less than £50). I doubt whether the well-known companies will argue the toss where there is only modest underinsurance.

For a much larger claim, or where there is gross underinsurance, the position may be different. But for years, insurers and brokers have been pointing out the need to insure for the full value. Policyholders who tried to "economize" by underinsuring really have only themselves to blame.

Amid a certain amount of criticism, some building societies and insurers have been trying to get householders to increase sums insured—using methods bordering on inertia selling, by saying that an arbitrary increase will be made unless a policyholder opts out.

Now insurers have a golden opportunity, and no doubt they will seize it. They can say that, in theory, claims should be scaled down, but they will pay up in full provided the sum insured is then increased to the right level—which seems a fair arrangement.

The position with flooding is not entirely straightforward. In areas particularly susceptible to flooding from rivers or from the sea, some insurers, understandably, have been reluctant to give cover, or have quoted a relatively high premium—which not all householders have been willing to pay.

In other cases, some householders have tried to economize by cutting out flood damage from their policies. While, therefore, most household policies cover storm damage, flood cover, although widely held, is not universal.

Those who do not have flood cover should consider seriously the advantages of having it. If they escaped this time, they may not be so lucky on a future occasion.

John Drummond

Odd things they permit in the City of Infidels

To: *Abou Ben Adhem (May Your Tribe Increase), Most Sublime Potentate and Beloved Cousin, Greetings.*

Once again I write to you from London, City of Infidels, where now I have permanent lodgings in a tavern close to the place of relaxation where the women dress as rabbits.

You will recall that in my last letter I described how I had invested the talents of gold that you gave me, so that usury thereon should increase our might and riches. As a result of this it is our good fortune to be involved in the only trade that is likely to show any profit in this backward country for some time to come.

Notwithstanding all this, beloved Cousin, the conduct of business in the City of Infidels is not easy, even a business of such a personal and intimate nature as our own. I must bring myself to describe to you, loath though I may be to do so as the she-goat approaching the slaughter, the numerous laws which the rulers of this country have thought fit to impose upon those who would quietly conduct their business within its boundaries.

Most astonishing of all is the Sex Discrimination Act, a code of rules by which, yea and I swear by the scabbard of Mustapha the Damned that it is so, we must not reserve for a man work which could be equally well done by a woman, or the reverse. Thus no longer can we advertise in the marketplace for a maidservant unless we add the words "either sex may apply", although it is said that certain of our maidservants' activities may come under the heading of "genuine occupational qualifications" and are outside the compass of this foolishness.

As if this were not enough to try the patience of a turtle-dove, there is now another law that those who work for a master, if they be above a certain number, may combine together into a trade union and to insist that all others under the same roof do also. I shudder to confess to you that I find myself powerless to do anything which might affect this wretched condition, and thus all our maidservants are now become members of the National Association of Slack-diddlers, Turncreepers and Idle-bashers (NASTI), and great is our sorrow therefrom.

Danger money they demand for particularly exacting clients, and double time for overtime which is verily not in accordance with ancient custom. Now there is also talk of their being taken in counsel when the affairs of the enterprise are discussed.

Furthermore, the rulers of the country and the viziers thereof, have written yet another law soon to come to pass whereby the master of an enterprise must plan together with the rulers and the viziers thereof a plan for the enterprise over the five years that follow the plan. Thus is the master of an enterprise ensnared like a hart by the hunters of Quetta Quetta.

Furthermore, and following like developments in other sectors of industry, it is possible that a new and final law may come to pass, namely the Massage Parlour, Sauna Bath, and Kindred Places (Nationalization Provisions) Bill, as described to me by a vizier of some renown who is also an esteemed client. This law would, as you can imagine, finally bring us to ruin as we would be required to exchange our valuable investment for government securities of ever-diminishing value.

You may imagine, dear Cousin, the horror and astonishment with which I greet each ensuing day. Nevertheless, it may be that all is by no means lost. It has become apparent that multinational companies have a magical power over the rulers of this country and the viziers thereof. We, with our substantial investments in Las Vegas, Marseilles and Hongkong, fall into this charmed category. Accordingly, with one of the sets of books of accounts at my disposal I have craved that our enterprise is in dire straits and in urgent need of a boon.

(Rest assured, beloved and most noble Cousin, that this set of books gives too doleful a picture of our attainments. Other sets of books such as those given to our accountants, to the Aid to Overdeveloped Countries Committee of the World Bank, and to your sublime self show various gradations of improvement and truth.)

I am currently negotiating terms with the same vizier or some renown who is also one of our esteemed clients. I am requesting a loan of £1m plus a four year guarantee of loss of earnings through strikes, riots and civil commotions up to a total of £160m payable in advance.

Rest assured, noble Cousin, that I am doing all that is in human power to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion. I await your affectionate reply and princely comments.

Your devoted cousin and subject, Ali Baba.

PS. On no account believe the vile calumny set about by our mutual cousin and torment Abdul the Bulbul Emir to the effect that I have a fifth and final set of books of account unknown to you and for my own personal use. Such a thought is a blasphemy against the high regard with which I endue your sacred person.

Francis Kinsman

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Investor's week

Stores after the sales • Outlook for the markets

At 3.30 pm yesterday the equity market was looking confident, with share prices riding easily over the expected bout of profit-taking as the trading account ended. But the surge of activity in the gilt-edged market after the disclosure of terms for the new tap stocks saw share prices rising sharply in "after-hours" dealings.

A late calculation put the FT index at 401.6, the first time that 400 has been exceeded since November, 1973, and leaving the gain on the account at a handsome 10.5 per cent.

The small rally in retailing shares since Christmas probably owes more to sentiment than to any fundamental reappraisal of the sector's investment merit. Leading non-food stores groups, which expressed profound gloom during the important December sales period seemed more cheerful when their sales attracted an unusually large flood of customers at the new year. Against the market, which has been firm since Christmas, store shares have managed a rise of perhaps just under 5 per cent.

It is difficult, however, to see these shares outperforming the rest during 1976. By normal Christmas standards sales were poor, with volume down by perhaps 3 or 4 per cent.

Leading retailers, such as W. H. Smith, which relies on its Christmas traffic for a large slice of annual profits, were found to be extremely gloomy last November, when Christmas sales promised to be awful. But the John Lewis Partnership figures, showing rises of around 12 per cent for the key weeks of December, indicate that matters, while not good, did not turn out as bad as feared.

But it was the response to the sales season that cheered up retailers' share prices. It should be remembered, though, that with cut prices and lower margins, profits will not benefit that much.

Groups such as Debenhams and Woolworth, former Cinderellas of the sector, have obviously done well, but that owes much to the long-promised recovery from a very low profits base.

Over the rest of the year the post-sales season promises to be slow, with further volume declines. Although business might pick up later in the year, retail shares do not look like out-performing the rest of the market in 1976.

Investors could hardly have wished for a happier send-off to the new year. Both gilts and equities have pushed ahead strongly and there seems every reason for investors to start 1976 with more confidence than they started 1975.

Ironical though it may be, such confidence needs, however, to be qualified. For though 1975 may have begun under a cloud, it quickly turned into one of the best bull markets of all time. And what must be clear as we start 1976 is that share prices which doubled and trebled last year are not going to repeat the performance this time round.

The FT index, now at the 400 level is not, even in this strange world, going to be hovering around the 800 mark come next Christmas—nor, for that matter, 700 or even 600.

In short, while there should be money still to be made in both equities and gilts, this is going to be a year when selectivity and timing will be appreciably more important. For instance, while there were fairly few shares last year that failed to double, I would suggest that there will be a considerable number this year that will fail to show private investors much of a return after allowing for dealings costs.

In more general terms, a point may well be reached when great strength of mind will be needed to take an objective view of the kind of wild euphoria that may well signal the end of the bull market.

That, of course, is to assume in the first place, as many institutional investors appear to be assuming, that the market will rise steadily towards the 500 mark in the first six to nine months of the year, peaking out towards the end of the summer.

But while the market in its present mood may well not treat the 400 mark *per se* as cause for pausing to reassess what the future may hold, the key to the market remains the trend in the United States economy. The indications of American economic recovery are now much more promising—this is being reflected in the strong performance of Wall Street—but any further setbacks of the kind seen last autumn would almost certainly lead to a temporary reaction in both the American and British stock markets.

The importance of the American economic revival for Britain is plain. Given the need for the British Government to continue to pursue disinflationary policies internally, the only way to lift the economy out of recession is going to be export-led growth on the back of a revival in world trade. Without this, either the economy will remain in prolonged recession or the Government will be forced to abandon its fight against inflation—neither alternative being good for equities and only the former for gilts.

On the assumption, however, that all goes reasonably well, the second key factor, from the point of view of inflation and corporate profits, is going to be the next stage of the prices and incomes policy. The main requirement here is that the next round of incomes policy, albeit more flexible than the existing policy, brings the overall rate of increase down significantly from the 10 per cent rate that the £6 limit represented.

If this, too, is achieved, then the present reasoning that the *FT* index should be above 450 by mid-summer and long gilts yielding around 12 per cent should be justified.

The question then would be how much is there left to go for? The determining factors are likely to be, first, any upturn in interest rates as economic revival forces up the demand for money and, secondly, the ability of the equity market to absorb what may well be a far larger spate of rights issues than at present expected.

Advice at this stage: run profits on existing holdings for the time being; keep fresh investment to special situations and, exercising great restraint, buy only when the market is running into bouts of profit-taking.

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Bonds

Abbey Life's new policies

Abbey Life Assurance has bowed to common practice and launched a Managed fund.

The company's three-year-old Selective Bond, which was basically a managed fund but masquerading under a different name, has been closed to newcomers. It has been replaced by the new Managed fund, which will be divided among Abbey's large Property Bond fund and its Equity fund or directly into equities and fixed interest investment.

In-house thinking at the moment for this new Managed fund is to put 40 per cent into property, 45 per cent into equities and the remaining 15 per cent into fixed interest situations.

Taking advantage of the name change, Abbey has wisely concentrated on simplifying some of the provisions relating to its linked contracts, whether single premium or regular premium. First, the company is now making a deduction for capital gains tax in the price of the units. This, again, is increasingly common practice in the industry and a welcome one.

For regular premium policyholders Abbey has devised a new contract called the Security Plan to go with the new bond fund. It is a whole-of-life policy with a fixed maturity date to be nominated at the outset, although policyholders may surrender the contract as and when they wish.

Like most other linked-life offices Abbey is moving on to a system of front-end loading. This means that a certain number of early premiums are not invested. These premiums ranging from eight months' premiums for a 10-year plan to 17 months' for a 35-year term, cover the costs including insurance cover.

A novelty, however, is that provided the contract runs the full term, these premiums are included in maturity values as though they had been invested from the outset.

A similar pattern has been adopted for the new guaranteed maturity value Abbey has built into the security plan. A policyholder who wishes to guarantee that at maturity he will receive no less than the value of his total contributions can do so by reducing the unit allocation by 5 per cent; ie, 5 per cent less is invested each month.

However, should the policyholder find that when his policy matures its value is greater than his total contributions, then the company will return the 5 per cent deduction plus the growth it would have shown had it been invested during the normal way.

● *The new policy is a big improvement in Abbey's repertoire of products and I like the incentives that have been built into the plan for long-term investors who hold their policies to maturity. Basically, they will be getting their life cover free plus a valuable "Heads I win, tails you lose" in the guarantee option. However, it's a costly option for those who won't end up staying the course or, indeed, for those who wish to take a profit when the occasion occurs.*

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Medium & Income funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index: 1,701.4; rise from January 1, 1975: 2.3%.

Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: +67.3%; over 3 years: −19.8%.

Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 Finsbury Square, London, E.C.2.

MEDIUM	A	B
Norwich Union	147.9	—
Schroder General	143.6	−23.4
Hill Samuel Cap	143.1	−7.1
Friends Provident	133.3	−8.4
Hill Samuel Sec	127.5	4.2
Guardhill	126.0	−17.1
Colemco	124.1	—
Hill Samuel Brit	123.9	−6.7
Equity & Law	118.0	−7.8
Trades Union	117.0	−17.2
Framlington Cap F	116.3	−18.2
Lloyds Bank First	113.9	−18.0
TSB General	111.1	−15.4
Mutual Security Plus	110.5	−11.8
Tyndall Canynge	109.9	−31.8
Lloyds Bank Sec	109.5	−16.7
Prudential	108.4	−17.2
J & P Ebor Gen	108.1	−24.4
Lloyd's Life Accum	106.2	—
M & G Trustee	105.6	−16.3
London Wall Strong	104.9	−20.8
Equitas	104.0	−27.3
Barbican	103.3	−29.7
Unicorn Capital	102.5	−21.5
London Wall Cap	102.5	−26.1
Brit Life Bal	101.6	12.9
Emblem Fund F	101.3	−32.4
Ulster Bank Gro	101.1	−16.1
Unicorn '500'	100.3	−18.8
Unicorn Trustee	99.8	−26.3
Unicorn General	98.6	−26.0
M & G Midland	98.6	−20.0
Tyndall Inter Earn	96.5	—
British Life	96.4	−5.3
Crescent Reserves	96.4	−22.9
TPT Gro Accum F	95.7	−19.6
J & P General	95.0	−20.6
Mutual 'Blue Chip'	94.6	−13.5
Hambro Fund	94.2	−20.9
Pelican	94.0	−8.0
Discretionary F	93.8	−16.4
Target Thistle	92.7	−11.6
Sunlife General	90.9	−3.6
Pearl Unit Trust	89.9	−18.0
Cowan Securities	89.6	—
Intel	89.3	−4.7
Allied Capital	89.0	−16.5
Legal & General	88.8	−22.6
Friars House M	88.2	—
Stewart British	87.9	—
and A	87.7	−17.8
J & P Scotshares	87.6	−22.9
Allied Gro & Inc	86.9	−18.1
Delstar	84.1	−13.0
National West Gro	83.6	−4.6
Henley	81.9	—
Abbey General	81.8	−23.0
W Unit 'D'	80.9	−16.5
Allied ELF Second	80.0	−11.9
W Scottish	79.0	−20.6
Target Equity	79.0	−29.2
SW Growth	78.6	11.8
Quadrant F	78.4	—
Alben Trust	78.4	−25.7
Tyndall Capital	78.2	−32.4
Allied Elec & Ind	77.2	−15.9
Cabot F	76.8	−31.4
M & G General	76.7	−11.7
Target Professional	76.7	−24.1
Wieler Growth F	75.4	—
Allied First	71.0	−10.2
SW Century	69.7	−19.7
SW Security First	68.4	−21.6
Scottish Equitable	68.4	—
Carliol F	67.1	−20.6
Bishopsgate Prog F	65.9	−31.9
Wickmoor	65.3	—
Clyde General	65.1	−28.5
Private Portfolio	64.9	−51.3
SW Hundred	64.7	−15.0
M & G Sec General	64.3	−16.0
Henderson Inc Assets	64.1	−15.4
Merlin	61.7	−26.5
Great Winchester M	61.0	−43.6
Abacus Giants	60.8	−27.3
Prolific	60.6	−9.4
SW Domestic	59.9	−39.1
SW Invest General	59.8	−36.9
SW Consolidated	56.3	−12.3
Marlborough	56.3	0.0
Brown Shipley	55.9	−2.2
Ionian Growth F	55.9	−40.1
SW Invest Second	55.8	−33.3
Buckingham	54.4	−3.1
Oceanic Growth	53.7	−46.3
Barclaytrust Invest	52.8	—
Sebag Capital	52.6	—
L & C International	50.8	−14.0
Ariel	50.7	−38.6
Kleinwort Benson F	50.2	−11.1
Lawson Scottish	48.2	—
Family Fund	47.2	−8.1
Minster	46.4	−42.0
Glen Fund	46.2	−39.1
SW General	43.8	−42.0
Gartmore British	43.7	—
Key Private	43.6	−34.2
Oceanic General	43.4	−43.9
SW Provident	42.4	−33.1
Worldwide	42.2	—
Portfolio Growth	40.8	−51.7
SW Capital Growth	38.6	−48.8
SW Commercial	37.5	−27.1
Jascot Sect Leads	35.8	−38.3
Archway Capital F	28.8	−35.1

SW Shamrock	24.2	−38.5
Cosmopolitan Growth	16.0	−62.1
Piccadilly IncGrow	15.7	−24.8

INCOME	A	B
Hill Samuel Income	155.9	1.6
M & G Extra Yd	151.5	—
Framlington Income	148.3	3.2
S & P Ebor Sel Inc	142.7	−8.8
Schroder Income F	139.6	−1.9
M & G Dividend	131.7	3.7
S & P Ebor High R	130.5	2.3
Lond Wall High Inc	124.2	−14.4
S & P Scotincome	121.4	−15.8
Alben Income	117.8	6.9
Gartmore Income	116.5	8.9
Clyde High Income	111.9	8.2
National West Inc	111.5	−7.7
Crescent High Dis	110.7	−10.7
Hill Sam High Yd	109.9	−14.2
Unicorn Income	106.8	−12.0
S & P High Yield	105.3	0.8
Lloyds Bank Third	104.2	−4.2
Unicorn Extra Inc	104.1	0.8
Abbey Income	103.7	—
Tyndall Income	103.6	−21.5
S & P Scotyields	102.4	−6.5
Mutual Income	98.1	−8.0
Mutual High Yield	96.6	11.9
S & P Income	96.1	−3.1
Pearl Income	92.4	−14.6
Prolific High Inc	92.2	—
Target Income	91.1	−6.2
Hambro Income	90.2	−14.2
Tyndall Natcom Inc F	89.3	−15.1
Allied Ham High Yld	86.0	—
Merlin High Yield	83.8	−3.3
Key Income	82.8	−17.4
Allied Equity Income	81.6	−15.8
Allied High Income	75.0	−6.7
SW High Income	72.6	5.0
Midland Dray Inc	70.5	−2.0
Henderson High Inc	69.1	−3.5
Charterhouse Income	68.7	−18.4
Sebag Income	68.6	—
Bridge Tatis Inc	68.1	−14.7
British Life Div	67.2	−23.8
SW Income	65.3	−14.0
Trident Income	63.6	−29.2
Canlife Income	62.4	—
New Court Income	61.1	—
Oceanic High Income	59.1	−25.9
Arbuthnot Income	58.9	−21.2
Archway Income F	58.7	−4.8
SW Nat High Inc	57.8	−9.7
Gartmore High Inc	56.6	—
SW Extra Income	54.8	−21.7
Brandts Income	54.2	−12.9
G.T. Income	54.0	—
Lawson High Yield	50.4	—
SW Brit High Inc	48.1	—
Royal Trust Inc	48.1	—
Piccadilly Extra Inc	47.5	−19.7
Ionian Income M	42.0	−16.4

A: Change over one year to bid, net income reinvested.
B: Change over three years offer to bid, net income reinvested.
Both taken to January 8, 1976.
M: Trust valued monthly.
F: Trust valued every two weeks.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Over 400 as gilts score record gains

Inspired by another prime rate cut and, more important, the terms of two new "tap" stocks, gilt-edged securities ended the week in a blaze of glory on the London stock market yesterday. At the long end, gains of up to £2.50 were recorded.

The effect on equities was startling and, against the odds, the *FT* index managed to close the account over the 400 mark—the first time it has been there since November, 1973.

What was remarkable was a gain of no less than 7.1 points between 3 pm and the close, the final figure of 401.6 being a gain of 11.1 on the day, 16.8 over the week and an impressive 38.2 points since the start of the account.

Dealers said that had the final calculation been made half an hour before it was the index would have been a point or two higher.

Do not be discouraged if International Timber's interim results next week show little, or no growth. Recovery from losses in the last second half is slow, but doubled profits of £2.6m for the year to March are on the cards. The shares rose 3p to 103p in a firm sector.

Gilts had one of the strongest daily rises ever recorded. The two new "tap" stock announcements were interpreted favourably, with the authorities' decision to place a "tap" at 1990 rather than 1995 or later spurring a massive advance at the very long end.

In the late afternoon activity in some long-dated stock was so frantic that spreads of up to 1 point were being quoted by jobbers.

In the end price rises of 2 or 2½ points seem to have emerged, although "mediums" were generally less strong, with gains confined to ½ or ⅝ point.

The advance was heavily concentrated in the last two hours. Earlier in the day there had been a little profit-taking, but this had never amounted to much.

"Shorts" also were very busy, with prospects of a reduction in Minimum Lending Rate next week providing support. But gains were kept down to ⅜ or ½ point.

Even discounting some of the very late dealings, gains among the "blue chip" companies were impressive. Both ICI 353p and Glaxo 377p were either by 7p, while Rank "A", additionally encouraged by enfranchisement hopes and spending results, firmed by 8p to 173p.

More modestly Becham 352p, Bowater 183p, and Boots 148p all approved by 4p, but Unilever was unable to participate in all this and lost 4p to 45p.

In the wake of Thursday's results, Allied proved to be in demand on the breweries pitch and gained 4p to 74p. But there was not alone in this with Scottish & Newcastle up the same amount to 64p and Whitbread, with revived talk of bid, better by 4p to 60p.

Television rental shares also saw some good demand, the best being Henry Wigfall up by 10p to 180p and Granada 2p to 76p.

For some time now market men have considered that one of the building industry companies was likely to come with a rights issue and this duly came with a call by Armitage Shanks which was accompanied by a forecast. The shares put on 5p to 76p.

The big engineers also had their moments and GKN firmed 5p to 278p, and Vickers 5p to 164p. Weyburn, one of the second-liners, rose 7p to an all-time "high" of 470p. Results are due next week and there is widespread talk that they may include a rights issue.

Isolated firm spots had Lankro Chemical up 6p to 140p, Zenith Carburetter better by 5p to 44p on new bid talk, and Stothert & Pitt another 5p to the good at 118p. Jobbers Akroyd & Smithers rose 12p more to 215p on the strength of the gilts market.

Elsewhere in financials the banks were stronger than of late with Barclays 8p better, at 320p, and Lloyds 255p, Midland 300p and National Westminster 267p, all advancing 5p. UDT gained 3p to 24p on selective demand.

After a recent bout of profit-taking, property shares returned to the upward path with the demand centred on MEPC, up 6p to 97p, Land Securities, 4p to 197p and Berkeley Hambro, 6p to 112p.

Blackwood Hodge again proved strong and firmed another 8½p to 157p.

Morgan-Grampian, whose chief executive, Mr G. V. Sherren, denies any takeover talks were in progress, were steady at 55p. Neither Mr Sherren or the other major shareholder, board member, Mr M. M. Geffen, had sold their shares.

Equity turnover on January 8 was £91.53m (21,793 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were BP, ICI, Brooke Bond new, Barclays Bank, Rank "A", Boots, Distillers, Town & City, Woolworth, Marks & Spencer, Dunlop, Bowater, Inchcape, Fisons, Armitage Shanks, Comp-Air, Scottish & Newcastle, Lankro and Stonehill.

The shares in Lampa Securities have risen by about 20 per cent over the past week on persistent buying in a thin market. Speculators expect confirmation early next week of market hints of a management re-shuffle at Lampa, where Mr Malcolm Horsman is chairman.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Alfisa Inv Int	1.4	1.4	23/2	—	3.45
Amber Day (10p) Int	0.72	0.72	27/4	—	1.37
Bett Brothers (20p) Fin	1.63	1.53	8/3	2.77	2.59
Cray Electronic (10p) Int	0.5	Nil	9/4	—	1.3
Empress Services (10p) Int	0.2	0.28	21/2	—	0.45
Flexello Casters (25p) Fin	1.38	1.31	—	2.25	2.11
Glouco & Cheit'm (5p) Fin	0.49	0.51	9/2	0.65	0.56
Rbt H. Lowe (25p) Fin	2.3	2.1	—	3.17	2.97
John Waddington (25p) Int	1.31	1.31	16/2	—	5.46

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross base. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54.

Armitage Shanks tests the market

The shares of Armitage Shanks climbed 5p to 76p on the news that this bathroom fittings group is coming to the market to raise £2.14m. The terms of the rights issue are 4.1m shares at one-for-four at 54p. The board says over the past three years it has spent about £6.7m on big projects.

Some of this money has come from the bank. It says although borrowing facilities at the moment are adequate—last financial year borrowings reached almost £4m—it believes the time is right for reducing reliance on short-term borrowings. It adds that the issue will help it to benefit from any trade upturn and to exploit opportunities.

In the year to March 31, 1975, pre-tax profits tumbled from a peak £3.8m to £1.7m, though turnover rose by £2m to £24.9m. In the six months to September 30, profits fell from £1.1m to £1m. The board says current trading is satisfactory and it aims to hold the final dividend at 3p gross. If so, total payments for the year would be 6p.

Cray Elecs to rally after setback

It seems that not too much can be read into the latest retreat of Cray Electronics. In line with the board's warning two months ago the group slipped in the first half year to October 31, despite a turnover up from £3.5m to £3.94m. Pre-tax profit fell from £252,000 to £219,000, and earnings a share dropped from 1.78p to 1.55p.

On the brighter side, the board is confident of a much better outcome for the full year, reflecting presumably the overhaul the year before. Pre-tax profits in the year to April 30, 1975, jumped from £151,000 to £517,000. The interim dividend has been restored with a payment of 0.77p gross, against a single payment of 2p.

Secrets of growth elude D. C. Thomson

Much as the board expected, the profits of D. C. Thomson, the Dundee-based printer and publisher, fell yet again, this time from £2.8m to £2.2m at the trading level in the year to March 31. The group includes the *Evening Post & Telegraph*, the *Sunday Post* and a clutch of children's comics ranging from the *Beano* to *Dandy*. The *Sunday Post* has featured in the *Guinness Book of Records* as "the newspaper which achieves the closest to saturation".

On the investment front income slipped from £1.8m to £1.7m. The group has a 24.8 per cent stake in Southern Television and a 27.1 per cent holding in Clyde Paper. The net income fell from £1.9m to £1.3m. The net dividend is £1.05m again.

Hutchison sells Highgate stake

The holding company for the United Kingdom interests of Hutchison International, John D. Hutchison (UK), has agreed to the sale of its holding of 1.3m (63.6 per cent) of Highgate Optical & Industrial at 33p a share cash o a privately-owned London company, Bayfine.

On completion of the deal, Bayfine will make an unconditional offer for the remainder on the same terms, putting a total value of some £770,000 on Highgate. Bayfine intends to seek to retain the Highgate listing. The agreement is conditional on obtaining all the necessary consents not later than April 2.

For Bayfine, Mr Ian Rankin and Mr Richard Windsor-Clive say they intend to continue and expand Highgate's business.

Speedwell barren

Gear Case, turned a profit of Speedwell £41,000 into a net loss of £44,000 for the year to July 31. There is no dividend, against 0.62p. Turnover value rose a bit, from £1.02m to £1.17m. The 1974 profit figures included a net special credit of £25,000. This represented a release of provision for losses of a subsidiary made in an earlier year from the sale of freehold premises.

Reasons for Brown Boveri Kent 'rights'

A rise in turnover by volume in the current half year and better profit margins are behind Brown Boveri Kent's £2.1m rights issue. The United Kingdom Government, which owns 12.27 per cent of the capital, has not said whether or not it will take up all or any of its entitlement. Rank Organisation, owing 9.9 per cent, will not take up its entitlement. If the United Kingdom Government fails to take up its ration and the holders of the remaining 51 per cent of BBK do likewise, complete control will go to Switzerland.

Empress retrenches

The pre-tax profits of Empress Services (Holdings), the Northampton-based contract cleaner, slipped from £88,000 to £74,000 in the first six months to last September 30. The interim dividend goes down from 0.41p to 0.30p. Turnover went up from £1.3m to £1.7m.

Mr J. F. Nash, chairman, says trading continues to be difficult, but the company's cleaning activities are operating at a profit.

However, the painting and electrical interests are "no longer profitable" and will probably be phased out by the end of March. Earlier last year the group acquired PPR Security Services and Baymack Services, and both are expected to improve their profits in the second half.

Amber Day set fair

Further satisfactory progress is predicted by Amber Day Holdings, the London-based clothing group, after a rise for the six months to October 31 of 12 per cent to £484,000. Sales went up from £5.7m to £6.6m. Earnings a share are 4.58p to 3.76p, while the dividend is raised from 1.12p to 2.69p. Last year profits reached a record £846,000 for the full year.

Trading was good throughout the first half and order books are strong.

Profits and 100 pc scrip cheer Bett Bros

The shares in Bett Brothers, the Dundee-based building and public works contractors, rose 6p to 80p yesterday on news that shareholders are to get a [illegible] as well as a dividend of 4.26p gross, against 3.85p. Pre-tax profits in the year to August 31 rose by 26 per cent up to £1.74m. Those are before adding profits of £445,000 from exceptional land deals to the 1974 figures.

The result is in line with the interim forecast that profits would end at about £1.7m after a rise of only 1.6 per cent to £716,000 in the first half. The second half year duly obliged with a 52 per cent jump in profits to £1.02m—the first time that £1m has been earned in only six months.

Flexello rises 13 pc

In spite of a big fall in new orders in the second half of the year the pre-tax profits of Flexello Castors & Wheels rose 13 per cent to a record £542,000 in the year to October 3.

Turnover rose slightly from £4.59m to £4.7m even though orders fell. The dividend rises from 3.14p gross to 3.46p.

Mr S. Menko, the chairman, reports that new orders have recently shown signs of picking up. He hopes that turnover will grow, but he feels that higher profits will depend on how well inflation is checked.

Norseman suspended

The shares in Norseman Gold Mines NL have been suspended in Perth. This reflects uncertainty arising from the adjourned annual meeting and the composition of the Norseman board. All Australian exchanges have been asked to suspend trading in the securities immediately.

Maple wants Trust Deed eased and loan limit up

By Ronald Pullen

Continuing problems over the development of its Tottenham Court Road schemes have forced Maple Macowards, the retail stores and property investment group put together by Mr Oliver Jessel, to seek the approval of shareholders to raise the company's borrowing limits to £22m. Holders of the 9½ per cent unsecured loan stock 1998/2002 are also to be asked to ease the conditions of the Trust Deed for a 1 per cent rise in coupon to 10½ per cent.

The value of the Tottenham Court Road site has had to be written down progressively. The Board anticipates that there will have to be another provision.

With provisions against other assets, this is likely to amount to £2m which, with the rise in borrowings to £17.4m at the end of last year, could put the company in breach of its borrowing limit. This is fixed at twice share capital and reserves and amounted to £22.1m in the last balance sheet. Shareholders will be asked to approve £22m.

To facilitate the restructuring of the company, stockholders are being asked to amend the terms of the loan stock's Trust Deed. Provided approval is obtained, the company's bankers, headed by Morgan Grenfell, are prepared to continue their financial support.

John Waddington relapses and hopes of upturn muted

By Ashley Druker

With the rider that half-time results are no guide to yearly figures, John Waddington, the [illegible] and packaging group, slumped from £1.51m to £921,000 before tax in the half year to October 12. This bears out the warning at the annual meeting.

Sales moved from £14.21m to £15.02m. The "attributable" profit slid from £702,000 to £373,000, but the interim payment is 2.02p gross against 1.96p.

In general, good results came from publishing, but packaging and printing was poor and there is no sign of an upturn. But cash resources are [illegible] and the board is ready to finance the company's national and international business recovery forecast for the end of 1975.

In the preceding 12 months to March 31, 1975, the group had a good second half. Profits rose by 24 per cent to a record £2.42m. Among its products are Valentine greeting cards, Subbuteo games, and playing cards.

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Briefly

HUDSON'S BAY OIL
Hudson's Bay Oil & Gas has concluded arrangements to buy the interest held by Clark Oil Producing in lands underlying the Benthorn oil discovery on Cameron Island in the Canadian Arctic. Hudson's Bay Oil said the acquisition amounts to about 208,000 net permit acres and includes a 5 per cent working interest in the lands underlying the Benthorn discovery.—AP-Dow Jones.

ROHR INDUSTRIES
Chula Vista, California.—Rohr Industries reported a net loss of $22.9m for the first quarter ended November 2 and cited write-offs and cost-escalation.—AP-Dow Jones.

WINTERBOTTOM TRUST
Net revenue before tax for year to November 30, £324,000 (£323,000). Total dividend, 5.39p gross (4.96p).

SUN OIL
Toronto.—Sun Oil Co plans to offer a substantial portion of its shares to the Canadian public. But the investment climate must be attractive and share prices appropriate before it will do so.—Reuter.

FILM PRODUCERS GUILD
Agreement has been reached in principle for the Film Producers Guild, a subsidiary of the Charterhouse Group, to merge with Cygnet Films. Charterhouse intends to maintain a minority interest in a new company to be formed to contain the two operations, to trade under the name Cygnet Guild.

BEAZER'S GERMAN LETTING
The first of C. H. Beazer's German developments, a prestige office building at Alte Rothofstrasse 8, Frankfurt Am Main, has been fully let to the Deutsch-Skandinavische Bank.

PROVINCIAL CITIES TRUST
Pre-tax profits for half year to November 30 dropped from £88,000 to £40,000. Dividend slips from 0.78p to 0.73p.

ANSTON HOLDINGS
Turnover for half year to October 5, £495,000 (£276,000). Pre-tax profit, £73,000 (£43,000). Dividend is 1.15p (0.74p).

A. HOWDEN
Alexander Howden offer for Halford Shead drew valid acceptances of 3.6m shares, about 93 per cent, and has been declared unconditional.

RANSOME HOFFMANN—MTE
Offer for equity declared unconditional with acceptances so far of 87.6 per cent. Remains open, but cash alternative closed.

HELICAL BAR
Helical Bar is to take a 50 per cent holding in Cooper Re-Bar Limited of Perth. As part of the arrangement, Mr Cooper will remain his shares and will remain as managing director.

P & O SELLS FREIGHT COMPANIES
Two subsidiary companies of P. and O. Freight Forwarders—Higgs Transport and Higgs Air Agency—have been sold to Mercury Airfreight International, an offshoot of Gordon and Gotch, specialists in newspapers, books and magazines. The Higgs companies specialize in the international distribution of United Kingdom newspaper exports.

DEUTSCHE BP
Hamburg.—Deutsche BP has bought for an undisclosed price a 20 per cent holding in the Aschaffenburg Company Union Tank Eckstein (UTA). UTA's chief service is to offer international transport companies the facility of being able to refuel lorries and buses without paying cash.—Reuter.

ABBEY LIFE ASSURANCE
New annual premiums received for 1975, £10.7m (£11.1m), of which £4.4m (£4.2m) was for pensions. New unit-linked single premiums were £18.1m (£14.9m); annuity considerations and guaranteed policies totalled a further £2.5m (£26.5m inclusive of Guaranteed Income Bonds). New sums assured were £369m (£374m).

AILSA INV. TRUST
Gross revenue before tax for half-year to November 30, £195,000 (£199,000). Net asset value of each 25p ordinary share at November 30, 105.8p (52p 12 months earlier).

TOBACCO SECURITIES
Tobacco Securities Trust has raised the final dividend from 12.40p gross to 13.47p, for the year ended October 31. This brings the full-year total to 17.50p, compared with 16.31p. Pre-tax profits improved slightly from £5.3m to £5.4m. This betters the board's interim forecast of second half profits of around the first half's £2.1m.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

New moves at Rubislaw include a meeting

By Margaret Walters

Rubislaw Investment Trust, now seeking shareholders' permission to change its name to Peek Holdings yesterday issued an unusual circular. It calls for an Extraordinary General Meeting and claims that the information in the offer document about its takeover of Consolidated Commercial last year was "incomplete". The 1974 accounts of Consolidated Commercial show that £2m has been written off. This reduced group net assets from £3.6m to £1.8m.

The new board has written off the £458,000 investment made by the group in hotel company Paris Equities; reduced from £119,000 to £50,000 the loan (totally unsecured) to a private company Temlaw, and completed its subscription obligations to purchase shares in Singapore company Malaysia Tile.

The new management is unable to explain, however, how the sale of a 30 per cent stake in Consolidated's Nigerian biscuit subsidiary for £550,000 resulted in a loss. It has, in the light of the incomplete information in the original offer document terminated consultancy arrangements with Mr Andrew Gordon, Consolidated's former chief executive. It has replaced them with agreements to release Mr Gordon from certain loan repayments and permits him to retain certain items.

Issues & Loans

ECSC add $125m to Eurobond

A two-tranche international bond and note offering of the European Coal and Steel Community has been raised from $100m to $125m, the syndicate manager, S. G. Warburg, said.

The principal amount of the five-year, 8.76 per cent notes has been raised from $50m to $65m, while the 10-year, 9.25 per cent bonds have been increased from $50m to $60m. Both tranches will be priced on January 13.

Another rise comes from Norsk Hydro A. S. whose 9½ per cent 10-year Eurobond is being increased from $40m to $50m the lead manager, Hambros Bank, says. The selling period is being brought forward two days to Monday.—Agencies.

Finnish bond

The Finnish pulp and paper producer, Enso Gutzeit, intends to float a 20m European unit of account, eight-year bond issue bearing 9.25 per cent through a syndicate led by Kredietbank SA Luxembourgeoise. The Finnish Government-guaranteed notes will be priced later.

A purchase fund will retire EUA 750,000 a year between 1976 and 1979 equalling EUA 1m in 1980-81 and 5m in 1982, providing the market price is below issue price. Payment is in Deutsche marks at 3.22 a unit, making the issue equivalent to about DM64.4m or $24.8m.—AP—DJ.

Yule Catto takeover

The Yule Catto subsidiary, William J. Cox, has acquired the Cordar rooflight and thermoplastic sheet interests of Elders Walker & Co, a subsidiary of Harrisons & Crosfield, for £350,000 cash.

This expands the activities of Cox in thermoplastic rooflight manufacture. It will reinforce the company's position as a major United Kingdom manufacturer and supplier of thermoplastic rooflighting and associated systems for the building industry. The purchase includes a 30,000 sq ft freehold site and modern factory at Felling, Tyne-and-Wear.

Kemp-Gee takes in Morton Bros

If the Stock Exchange Council agrees, London brokers Kemp-Gee and Morton Bros are to merge from February 23. Morton Bros will stop trading on February 20, and the partners will join Kemp-Gee either as partners or associate members.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	11%
First London Secs	11%
C. Hoare & Co. ..	*11%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	11%
Nat Westminster ..	11%
Rossminster Acc's	11%
Shenley Trust	12½%
20th Century Bank	12½%
Williams & Glyn's	11%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 7½%, up to £25,000, 7¾%, over £25,000, 8¼%.

Commodities

COPPER was firmer, cash wire bars putting on £1.50 on the three month position 25p. Afternoon: Cash wire bars, £587-87.50 a metric ton; three months, £606.50-607. Sales, 4,875 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £575-75.50; three months, £594.50-95.00. Sales, 500 tons (mainly carries). Morning: Cash wire bars, £585.50-86.00; three months, £605-05.50. Settlement, £586. Sales, 4,600 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £573.50-74.00; three months, £593-93.50. Settlement, £574. Sales, 250 tons.

SILVER was from 1p to 2p down on all three LME positions. Bullion market (fixing levels): Spot, 208.30p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 423); three months, 214.10p (429.8c); six months, 219.40p (436.1c); one-year, 232.90p (455c). London Metal Exchange: Afternoon: Cash, 207.9-208p; three months, 213.8-13.9p; seven months, 221.3-21.6p. Sales, 86 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each (about half carries). Morning: Cash, 208.3-08.5p; three months, 214.3-14.4p; seven months, 221.8-22.1p. Settlement, 208.5p. Sales, 32 lots.

TIN: Despite a $M3 drop to $M960 in the Penang price, tin was steady and quiet. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,068-70 a metric ton; three months, £3,134-36. Sales, 185 tons (mainly carries). High grade: cash, £3,068-70; three months, £3,134-36. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,070-72; three months, £3,136-38. Settlement, £3,072. Sales, 445 tons (mainly carries). High grade: cash, £3,073-75; three months, £3,136-38. Settlement, £3,075. Sales, 5 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M960 a picul.

LEAD was slightly easier. Afternoon.—Cash, £165.50-65.75 a metric ton; three months, £172.75-73.00. Sales, 625 tons. Morning.—Cash, £165.75-66.00; three months, £173-73.25. Settlement, £166. Sales, 1,425 tons.

ZINC was quiet and slightly easier.—Afternoon.—Cash, £341.25-41.50 a metric ton; three months, £352.25-52.50. Sales, 500 tons. Morning.—Cash, £340.50-41.50; three months, £352-52.50. Settlement, £341.50. Sales, 1,200 tons. Producers' price, £390 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was 10p down at £71.50 ($145.25) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was uncertain.—Feb, 38.25-38.70p per kilo; March, 38.50-39.00p; April-June, 39.05-39.20p; July-Sept, 40.35-40.40p; Oct-Dec, 41.55-41.60p; Jan-March, 42.70-42.75p; April-June, 43.20-43.50p; July-Sept, 44.05-44.20p; Oct-Dec, 44.50-45.00p. Sales: 67 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 37.25-38.25. Cifs, Feb, 35.60-35.75; March, 36.25-36.50.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures were steady.

ROBUSTAS.—Jan, £824-827 per metric ton; March, £837-838; May, £845-846; July, £850-853; Sept, £860-861; Nov, £864-865; Jan, £869-873. Sales: 2,400 lots including 102 options.

ARABICAS were quiet.—Feb, $101.50-102.10 per 50 kilos; April, $101.50-103.20; June, $101.50-104.50; Aug, $102-105; Oct, $102.50-106.00; Dec, $103-106.50; Feb, $103-108. Sales: 4 lots.

COCOA.—The market ended with on balance losses of about £12 to £7 in fairly quiet dealings. March, £727-28 per metric ton; May, £714-16; July, £704-04.50; Sept, £691-91.50; Dec, £671-72; March, £662-63; May, £655-58.50. Sales: 3,169 lots including 1 option. ICO prices: daily 64.42c; 15-day average, 63.11c; 22-day average, 61.79c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were quiet/steady. The London daily prices were: "raws" £169 (up £1); "whites" £187 (up £2).—March, £167.88.00 per long ton; May, £167.80-68.00; Aug, £167.75-68.00; Oct, £167.75-68.25; Dec, £167.80-68.35; March, £167.75-68.00; May, £167.75-68. Sales: 3,241 lots. ISA prices: 14.17c; 17-day average, 13.84c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Feb, £83.90-84.30 per metric ton; April, £85.20-85.50; June, £86.10-86.50; Aug, £87.10-87.30; Oct, £88-89; Dec, £89-89.50; Feb, £90.10-90.50. Sales, 31 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—March, 176-77p per kilo; May, 182p; July, 187-91p; Oct, 196-98p; Dec, 198-99p; March, 198.5-201p; May, 203-205p. Sales: nil.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Jan-Feb, £195 per long ton. "D" grade, Jan-Feb, £189. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, Rs455 per bale of 400lbs. Dundee Daisee Rs455.

GRAIN (The Baltic): **WHEAT**.—United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Feb, £95.25; March, £95.85; April-May, £90.85 direct Tilbury. Jan, £96.80; Feb, £97.45; April/early May, £96.15; May, £96.05; June, £96.35; July, £96.65 trans-shipment east coast. Argentine milling: Jan, £83.85; Feb, £83.50; March, £83.80 east coast. EEC feed: Jan, £64; Feb, £65 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Jan, £65.50; Feb, £66.50; March, £68.25 trans-shipment east coast.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: Jan, £65; Feb, £65.75 east coast. All per long ton cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta) EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was steady: Jan, £63.20; March, £65; May, £66.75; Sept, £65.55; Nov, £67.55. **WHEAT** was steady: Jan, £64.30; March, £66.05; May, £67.80; Sept, £66.20; Nov £68.20.

Home Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Kent	£64	£62.90	£60.95
Lancashire	—	—	£65.10

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 9.—UK: Cattle £23.17 per live cwt (—0.13). Sheep 39.2p per lb EDCW (—1.3). Pigs £4.77 per SCLW (—0.24). **ENGLAND AND WALES**: Cattle numbers down 9.3 per cent, average price £23.38 (—0.13). Sheep numbers up 0.7 per cent, average price 39.3p (—1.3). Pig numbers down 10.4 per cent, average price £4.77 (—0.24). **SCOTLAND**: Cattle average price £23 78. Sheep average price 38 7p.

SINGAPORE AIRLINES

This state-owned company is floating a DM50m loan in Frankfurt, over seven years, bearing a coupon rate of 8¾ per cent. It will be repaid after a two-year grace period in 10 equal instalments.

AB STATENS SKOGSINDUSTRIER

This Swedish forestry company has raised a loan of US $20m for seven years to finance its investment programme in Sweden. The loan was arranged and syndicated by Hambros Bank.

Foreign Exchange

Exchange rates moved within a narrow pattern in rather slack currency trading yesterday. Movements generally were the result of routine commercial considerations, while other influences like the IMF agreement and United States prime rate reductions had only a nominal effect on trading.

Nevertheless, the dollar made headway in early business, thereafter steadying at the higher levels. The pound, too, had a rather uneventful session with its trade-weighted depreciation remaining at 30.0 per cent for the third day running. However, it slipped 40 points to $2.0305 against the dollar. This movement virtually represented a "markdown" stemming from the overnight trend in New York.

Gold rose 75 cents an ounce to $136.75.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) January 9	Market rates (close) January 9
New York	$2.0290-0320	$2.0300-0310
Montreal	$2.0580-0620	$2.0585-0595
Amsterdam	5.41½-44½fl	5.42½-43½fl
Brussels	79.60-80.10f	79.65-80.05f
Copenhagen	12.46-52k	12.48½-50½k
Frankfurt	5.28-30½m	5.29½-29½m
Lisbon	55.10-80e	55.20-40e
Madrid	120.90-121.30p	120.95-121.15p
Milan	1,385-88lr	1,387½-87½lr
Oslo	11.29½-32½k	11.29½-30½k
Paris	9.03½-05½f	9.04½-05½f
Stockholm	8.87½-90½k	8.88½-89½k
Tokyo	618-25y	621-23y
Vienna	37.10-50sch	37.20-40sch
Zurich	5.28-31f	5.28½-29½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, unchanged at 30.0 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.90-80c prem	2.50-2.40c prem
Montreal	.25-15c prem	.55-.45c prem
Amsterdam	2¼-1¼c prem	7-6c prem
Brussels	40-30c prem	95-75c prem
Copenhagen	7½-5½ore prem	17-15ore prem
Frankfurt	3¼-2¼pf prem	9-8pf prem
Lisbon	Par-50c disc	Par-150c disc
Madrid	Par-5c disc	40-80c disc
Milan	2¼-1¾lr prem	5½-3½lr prem
Oslo	4½-3½ore prem	13-11ore prem
Paris	3¼-2½c prem	9¼-8¼c prem
Stockholm	2ore prem-par	6½-4½ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	4¼-3¼c prem	11¼-10¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9858-61.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 4¾-5¼; seven days, 4¾-5¼; one month, 5¼-5¾; three months, 5¼-5¾; six months, 5¾-6¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $136.50 (an ounce); pm, $136.55.

Krugerrand: (per coin): $139.50-141.50 (£68.75-69.75 (domestic); $139.50-141.50 (£68.75-69.75) (international).

Sovereigns: (old), $41.50-42.50 (£20.50-21.00) (new) $43.25-45.25 (£21.25-22.25) (international).

KLK holds its own

Pre-tax profits of Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad slipped only a little from $M30.4m (£5.7m) to $M29m for the year to September 30. Despite lower commodity prices and higher costs, profits were held up by higher palm oil output and a rise in investment income.

Pict Petroleum's £1.34m deficit

Pict Petroleum, the Edinburgh-based oil exploration company managed by Noble Grossart, made its first important discovery in October, 1975 in block 15/21, 110 miles off Aberdeen. It expects to spend around £1m in 1976 largely in financing its share of a discovery appraisal programme. In the year to October 31, the company's deficit swelled from £340,000 to £1.34m.

Pict has direct participations, ranging from 10-15 per cent in 14 North Sea blocks and investment interests in a further five. Its exploration partners include the French majors Total and Elf, also Monsanto, Deminex and Texas Gas.

It was formed in 1971 by Noble Grossart to give Scottish institutions a spread of risk in North Sea oil and gas exploration. Pict's share capital, which is £4.5m, is held by 30 investment trusts and life institutions.

Discount market

Day-to-day credit was again in short supply on Lombard Street. To alleviate the shortage, the Bank of England eventually bought a moderate amount of Treasury bills and local authority bills directly from the houses. Maturing Treasury bills were in the market's favour, as was a further drop in the note circulation—unusual for a Friday.

But the banks had brought rundown balances forward from Thursday, there was an excess of revenue transfers to the Exchequer over government disbursements and the market faced the need for settlement of the large official sales of gilts made on Thursday.

Rates stayed fairly firm throughout in rather patchy conditions. They started off in the region of 10½ per cent and edged up to 10¾ per cent towards midday, where they remained through to the close.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11%
(Last changed 2/1/76)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend: Open 10½ Close 10½
Week Fixed: 10¾-10⅞

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10¼	2 months	10⅛
3 months	10¼	3 months	10⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10⅝-10⅜	3 months	10⅞
3 months	10⅝-10⅜	4 months	10⅞
4 months	10⅝-10⅜	6 months	10⅞
6 months	10⅝-10⅜		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10½-10¼	7 months	10¾-10½
2 months	10½-10¼	8 months	10¾-10½
3 months	10½-10¼	9 months	10¾-10½
4 months	10½-10¼	10 months	10¾-10½
5 months	10½-10¼	11 months	10¾-10½
6 months	10½-10¼	12 months	10¾-10½

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	10⅜-10¼	6 months	10⅝-10½
3 months	10½-10⅜	12 months	10⅞-10¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10¼	3 months	10⅝-10½
7 days	10¼-10½	6 months	10¾-10⅝
1 month	10½	1 year	11-11¼

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 10½ Close 11

1 week	10½-10¼	6 months	10¾-10⅝
1 month	10½-10⅜	9 months	10⅞-10¾
3 months	10⅝	12 months	10⅞-10¾

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 11 — 6 months 11

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£910.8m	allotted	£300m
Bids at	£97.43½	received	12%
Last week	£97.3½	received	15%
Average rate	£10.2706%	Last week	£10.4923%
Next week	£300m	replace	£300m

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bristol 13¾% 1981 (£98¾)	£54½
Coventry 13¾% 1980 (£99¾)	£54½
Elandsrand Gold 20c (R3)	278
Essex Wtr 9% Pf (†)	£101
Lee Valley Wtr 9% Rd Pf (†)	£99

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Brooke Bond (32†)	Feb 20	10 prem+1
Lake And Elliot (50†)		18 prem+2½
Nat Bnk Aust (A$1.81)	Feb 13	147-3
Trafalgar House (85†)		28 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend † Issued by tender ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. e £30 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Wall Street

New York, Jan 8.—The stock market struggled to a gain yesterday, fighting off profit-taking. The Dow Jones industrial average advanced 3.15 to 911.13 for its sixth straight gain. Advancing issues outdistanced decliners 923 to 529. Volume totalled 26,510,000 shares compared with 29,030,000 shares on Thursday.

Analysts said the profit-taking was normal considering the extent of recent gains. They added that the market performed strongly in absorbing most of the offerings.

Gold up slightly

New York, Jan 9.—GOLD futures closed slightly higher in moderate trading. The New York Comex ended the session 30c to 80c higher as the January contract gained 80c at $136.50, while the Chicago IMM gained 60c to $1.30. Volume was estimated at 1,131 contracts on the Comex, compared with yesterday's 3,004, while IMM sales were estimated at 2,186, compared with 4,713 yesterday. Jan, $136.40; Feb, $136.90; March, $137.50; April, $138.00; June, $139.20; Aug, $140.60; Oct, $142.00; Dec, $143.40; Feb, $145.00; April, $146.50. CHICAGO IMM.—March, $137.30-137.10; June, $139.20-139.00; Sept, $141.30; Dec, $144.00; March, $147.40 bid.

SILVER.—Comex silver closed a featureless session with prices ranging 0.70 cent up to 0.70 cent down. Volume was estimated at 12,730 contracts. Jan, 423.50c; Feb, 424.00c; March, 426.80c; May, 432.20c; July, 438.00c; Sept, 444.00c; Dec, 453.20c; Jan, 456.20c; March 462.40c; May, 468.60c. Handy and Harman $423.50 (previous $425.00). Handy and Harman of Canada, Can $4.300 (previous $4.309).

COPPER: Futures closed firm on estimated sales of 2,889. Jan, 56.00c; Feb, 56.80c; March, 57.20c; May, 58.10c; July, 58.90c; Sept, 59.80c; Dec, 60.50c; Jan, 60.80c.

SUGAR: Futures closed near the day's lows, 0.28 to 0.35 cent down on the day, on 4,620 sales. March, 14.15-06c; May, 14.03-14.00c; July, 13.96-90c; Sept, 13.92c nominal; Oct, 13.95-90c; Jan, 13.84c nominal; March, 13.88-82c; May, 13.85-82c. Spot: 14.50c unchanged.

COCOA.—March, 65.15c; May, 62.45c; July, 60.45c; Sept, 58.85c; Dec, 56.50c; March, 54.95c. Spots: Ghana 74¾c; Bahia, 72c.

COFFEE.—Futures recovered from an early half-cent loss to close as much as 0.75 cent up in the nearby positions. The more distant months showed minor losses on the day. Trading was fairly heavy, with final volume estimated at 934 contracts.—March, 91.70-91.60c; May, 91.50-91.40c; July, 93.10-92.00c; Sept, 92.10-92.00c; Dec, 92.10-92.60c.

COTTON: Futures finished 0.44 to 0.50 cent lower on evening-up by commission houses in front of the release after the close of the United States Department of Agriculture estimate of the 1975 crop. March, 53.30-55c; May, 63.10-11c; July, 63.08c; Oct, 59.88-60.11c; Dec, 57.75c; March, 58.15-25c; May, 58.30-65c.

WOOL.—Grease wool and Crossbred were tradeless. GREASEWOOL: Spot, 17.00c nominal; March, 16.50-70.0c; May, 161.0-80c; July, 160.0-5c; Oct, 160.0-8c; Dec, 160.0-5c; March, 160.0-5c; May, 160.0-5c. CROSSBRED: Spot: 97.5c nominal; March, 95.0-101.0c; May, 96.0-102.0c; July, 96.0-103.0c; Oct, 93.0c bid; Dec, 93.0c bid; March, 93.0c bid; May, 93.0c bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—After moving across a narrow range, futures settled below yesterday's close to finish mostly 1¼ to ¾ cents a bushel lower. SOYABEANS.—Jan, 467-67½c; March, 474¾-76c; May, 483-84c; July, 490½-91c; Aug, 494c; Sept, 498c; Nov, 503-04½c; Jan, 510½c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Jan, $131.30-131.80; March, $136.50-136.50. SOYABEAN MEAL (NEW).—March, $130.50; May, $136.50-136.00; July, $138.50; Aug, $139.00-138.80; Sept, $140.50-141.00; Oct, $140.00-140.50; Dec, 140.00-141.00. SOYABEAN OIL.—Jan, 15.15c; March, 16.30-25c; May, 16.50-45c; July, 16.65c; Aug, 16.75-80c; Sept, 16.85; Oct, 16.90c; Dec, 17.00c.

CHICAGO GRAINS: Maize futures surrendered 1¼ to 2¼ cents a bushel at the close after drifting in a narrow range on a thin trade. WHEAT: March, 351½-352c; May, 357½-357c; July, 357c; Sept, 363¼c; Dec, 373c. MAIZE: March, 266¼c; May, 272½c; July, 276¼c; Sept, 274½c; Dec, 267c.

	Jan 9	Jan 8		Jan 9	Jan 8		Jan 9	Jan 8
Allied Chem	37	36⅝	Ford	46⅞	46⅝	RCA Corp	21	20⅞
Allied Stores	47½	47½	GAF Corp	12	11⅞	Republic Steel	31⅛	30⅝
Allied Supermkt	3⅝	3¾	Gamble Skogmo	24⅛	23⅞	Reynolds Ind	64⅞	64⅞
Allis Chalmers	13	13	Gen Dynamics	41⅛	41⅞	Reynolds Metal	36	35
Alcoa	42⅞	42⅜	Gen Electric	50⅝	50	Rockwell Int	25⅞	25⅞
Amax Inc	48½	48⅞	Gen Foods	29⅛	29⅜	Royal Dutch	42⅛	43⅜
Amerada Hess	19½	19	Gen Instrument	9⅛	9	Safeways	48⅛	47⅞
Am Airlines	9¼	8⅞	Gen Mills	29⅝	30¼	St Regis Paper	36	36
Am Brands	39⅞	39⅞	Gen Motors	60⅛	60⅛	Santa Fe Ind	34	33⅛
Am Broadcast	22⅛	21½	Gen Pub Util NY	17½	17⅛	SCM	13⅝	13⅛
Am Can	32	31⅞	Gen Tel Elec	26	25⅜	Schlumberger	78⅞	78½
Am Cyanamid	25⅞	24⅞	Gen Tire	19⅛	19⅛	Scott Paper	17⅝	17
Am Elec Power	21⅛	21⅛	Genesco	5⅞	5⅞	Seaboard Coast	34	33⅞
Am Home	33⅞	32⅞	Georgia Pacific	46⅞	46⅞	Seagram	29⅞	29⅞
Am Motors	5⅝	5⅝	Getty Oil	179¾	176½	Sears Roebuck	69⅛	69⅛
Am Nat Gas	34	35	Gillette	33⅞	34⅞	Shell Oil	51⅜	51⅜
Am Standard	15⅞	15⅜	Goodrich	20⅞	20⅞	Shell Trans	32⅞	31⅞
Am Telephone	52	52	Goodyear	22	22⅞	Signal Co	16⅝	16⅞
AMF Inc	20½	20⅞	Gould Inc	26½	26⅞	Singer	10⅞	10⅞
Anaconda	17⅛	17⅛	Grace	26	25⅞	Sony	10	10
Armco Steel	29⅞	28½	Grt Atlfc & Pacific	11⅞	11	Sth Cal Edison	20⅞	20⅞
Asarco	15⅛	14⅞	Greyhound	14⅛	14⅛	Southern Pacific	32⅞	32⅞
Ashland Oil	22⅛	22⅞	Grumman Corp	14½	14½	Southern Rly	54⅛	54⅞
Atlantic Richfield	97	95⅞	Gulf Oil	21⅞	21⅞	Sperry Rand	40⅞	40⅞
Avco	5⅞	5⅞	Gulf & West	22⅞	23	Squibb	35½	35⅞
Avon Products	37⅞	38⅞	Heinz H. J.	51⅞	50	Std Brands	39⅛	39
Babcock & Wcox	19⅞	19⅞	Hercules	19⅞	19⅞	Std Oil Calfnia	31	31⅞
Bankers Tst NY	30⅞	30⅞	Honeywell	38½	39⅞	Std Oil Indiana	44⅛	44⅛
Bank of America	44⅛h	44⅛h	IC Inds	16⅞	16⅞	Std Oil Ohio	76⅝	75⅞
Bank of NY	29½	29⅞	Ingersoll	77⅞	76⅞	Sterling Drug	19⅞	19⅞
Beatrice Foods	25	24⅞	Inland Steel	43⅞	42⅞	Stevens J. P.	19	18⅛
Bell & Howell	18⅛	17⅞	IBM	231⅛	230⅛	Stude Worth	42⅞	42⅞
Bendix	46⅞	46⅞	Int Harvester	24½	24⅞	Sunbeam Corp	23	23
Bethlehem Steel	36	36	Int Nickel	28⅞	28⅞	Sundstrand	18	17⅞
Boeing	27	27⅛	Int Paper	61⅞	60⅞	Sun Oil	38	38½
Boise Cascade	28⅞	28½	Int Tel Tel	22⅞	21⅞	Teledyne	56⅞	55⅞
Borden	27	26⅞	Jewel Co	20⅞	20⅞	Tenneco	27⅞	27⅞
Borg Warner	23⅞	23⅞	Jim Walter	30½	30⅞	Texaco	25⅞	25⅞
Bristol Myers	72⅞	72⅞	Johns-Manville	22⅞	22⅞	Texas East Trans	29⅞	29
BP	12⅞	13	Johnson & John	91⅞	91⅞	Texas Inst	99	99⅞
Budd	10½	10⅞	Kaiser Alumin	29⅞	29⅞	Texas Utilities	22	22
Burlington Ind	29⅛	29⅞	Kennecott	32⅞	32⅞	Textron	23	22⅞
Burlington Nthn	35⅛	34⅞	Kerr McGee	76⅞	77	TWA	8	8⅛
Burroughs	87⅞	84⅞	Kimberly Clark	40⅞	38⅞	Travelers Corp	26⅞	26⅞
Campbell Soup	34	34	Kraftco Corp	43⅞	42⅞	TRW Inc	28⅞	28
Canadian Pacific	13½	13⅞	Kresge SS	34⅛	34⅛	UAL Inc	23⅞	23⅞
Caterpillar	74	73⅞	Kroger	19½	19⅞	Unilever Ltd	38⅞	38⅞
Celanese	47	45⅞	Ligg Myer	32⅞	32⅞	Unilever NV	47	47
Central Soya	16⅛	16⅛	LTV	11⅞	11⅞	Unionamerica	1⅞	1⅞
Charter NY	23	22⅞	Litton	7	7⅞	Union Bancorp	9⅞	9⅞
Chase Manhat	28⅞	28⅞	Lockheed	7⅞	7⅞	Union Carbide	65⅞	65⅞
Chem Bank NY	31⅞	31	Lucky Stores	16⅞	16⅞	Union Oil Calif	43⅞	43⅞
Chesapeake Ohio	36⅞	36⅞	Manuf Hanover	30⅞	29⅞	Un Pacific Corp	79⅞	79⅞
Chrysler	12⅞	11⅞	Mapco	34⅞	35⅞	Uniroyal	8⅞	8⅞
Citicorp	30⅞	30⅞	Marathon Oil	49⅞	48	United Brands	6	5⅞
Cities Service	40⅞	40⅞	Marcor Inc	29⅞	29	Utd Merch & Man	14⅞	15
Clark Equip	27⅞	27⅞	Marine Midland	11⅞	11⅞	US Industries	4	3⅞
Coca Cola	85⅞	85⅞	Martin Marietta	16⅞	17	US Steel	71	70⅞
Colgate	29⅞	29⅞	McDonnell	16⅞	16	Utd Technol	51⅞	51
CBS	50⅞	49⅞	Mead	19⅞	19⅞	Wachovia	20⅞	20⅞
Columbia Gas	28⅞	28	Merck	70⅞	71⅞	Warner Comm	19⅞	19⅞
Combustion Eng	36⅞	36⅞	Minnesota Mng	57⅞	57⅞	Warner Lambert	35⅞	35⅞
Comwlth Edison	31	31⅞	Mobil Oil	49⅞	49⅞	Wells Fargo	18⅞	18
Cons Edison	15⅞	15⅞	Monsanto	78⅞	78⅞	West'n Bancorp	19½	19½
Cons Foods	22⅞	22⅞	Morgan J. P.	55	55⅞	Westnghse Elec	14⅞	14⅞
Cons Power	19⅞	20	Motorola	45	44	Weyerhauser	39⅞	39⅞
Continental Can	27⅞	27⅞	NCR Corp	27⅞	26⅞	Whirlpool	27⅞	27
Continental Oil	66	66	NL Industries	13⅞	14	White Motor	7⅞	7⅞
Control Data	20⅞	19⅞	Nabisco	40⅞	40⅞	Woolworth	21⅞	22⅞
Corning Glass	46⅞	46⅞	Nat Distillers	17⅞	17⅞	Xerox Corp	55½	55⅞
CPC Intnl	44⅞	44⅞	Nat Steel	41	40	Zenith	26	25⅞
Crane	31⅞	49⅞	Norfolk West	70⅞	69⅞			
Crocker Int	22⅞	22⅞	NW Bancorp	46⅞	45⅞			
Crown Zeller	38	37⅞	Norton Simon	23⅞	23⅞			
Dart Ind	31⅞	31⅞	Occidental Pet	15	15			
Deere	52⅞	51⅞	Ogden	16⅞	16⅞			
Del Monte	28⅞	28⅞	Olin Corp	32⅞	32			
Delta Air	38	37⅞	Otis Elevator	37⅞	37⅞			
Detroit Edison	14⅞	14⅞	Owens-Illinois	57⅞	57			
Disney	52⅞	51⅞	Pacific Gas Elec	22	22			
Dow Chemical	94⅞	94⅞	Pan Am	5⅞	5⅞			
Dresser Ind	62⅞	62⅞	Penn Central	1½	1½			
Duke Power	19⅞	19⅞	Penney J. C.	52⅞	52⅞			
Du Pont	137⅞	137	Pennzoil	20⅞	20⅞			
Eastern Air	4⅞	4⅞	Pepsico	73	73			
Eastman Kodak	109⅞	109⅞	Pet Inc	25⅞	25⅞			
Eaton Corp	31⅞	31⅞	Pfizer	29⅞	28⅞			
El Paso Nat Gas	12⅞	12⅞	Phelps Dodge	38⅞	38			
Equitable Life	20⅞	19⅞	Philip Morris	56⅞	56⅞			
Esmark	33⅞	33	Phillips Petrol	54⅞	54⅞			
Evans P. D.	5⅞	5⅞	Polaroid	32⅞	33⅞			
Exxon Corp	92	92	PPG Ind	36⅞	35⅞			
Fed Dept Stores	55	54⅞	Proctor Gamble	94⅞	94⅞			
Firestone	23⅞	23	Pub Ser El & Gas	15⅞	15⅞			
Fst Chicago	17⅞	17⅞	Pullman	29	29			
Fst Nat Boston	22⅞	23	Rapid American	6	6			
Fst Penn Corp	16⅞	16⅞	Raytheon	48½	47			

Canadian Prices

	Jan 9	Jan 8
Abitibi	9⅞	9⅞
Alcan Alumin	23½	23½
Algoma Steel	24⅞	24⅞
Bell Telephone	43⅞	43⅞
Comineo	34⅞	33⅞
Cons Bathurst	26	26
Falconbridge	30⅞	30⅞
Gulf Oil	29½	29⅞
Hawker Sid Can	7.25	7.12
Hudson Bay Min	15½	15½
Hudson Bay Oil	33½	33⅞
Imasco	25⅞	25⅞
Imperial Oil	20⅞	20⅞
Int Pipe	17⅞	17⅞
Mass-Ferguson	21	20⅞
Royal Trust	20 h	20
Seagram	28⅞	28⅞
Slater-Walker	4 h	4
Steel Co	27½	27⅞
Walker Hiram	31⅞	30⅞
WCT	23⅞	23⅞

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0310 ($2.0320); three months, $2.0068 ($2.0078); Canadian dollar, 98.63c (98.63c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index fell 1.00 to 303.61. The futures index was down 1.05 at 294.18.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 911.05 (907.98); transportation, 183.81 (185.06); utilities, 87.47 (87.71); 65 stocks, 279.46 (278.40).

New York Stock Exchange index, 50.29 (50.08); industrials, 55.80 (55.55); transportation, 34.92 (34.85); utilities, 34.67 (34.62); financial, 48.24 (47.91).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981 ..	103¼	103¾
Air France 10¼ 1982 ..	102¼	103¼
Airicase 8¼ 1988 ..	93	93
ARBD 9¼ 1980 ..	100¼	101¼
Ashland 8 1987 ..	93¼	95¼
Barclays Bk 9¼ 1982 ..	101¼	102¼
BICC 9 1983 ..	101¼	102¼
Broken Hill Prp 9¼ 1981	102	103
Brit Steel Corp 8¼ 1989	90	93
Burlington 8 1987 ..	93¼	95¼
CECA 8¼ 1983 ..	99	100
Chevron 7 1980 ..	97¼	98¼
Conoco 7 1980 ..	98	99
Conoco 8 1986 ..	98¼	99¼
Cons Food 7¼ 1991 ..	89¼	90¼
CSR 9¼ 1980 ..	101¼	102¼
Curacao Tokyo 8¼ 1988	94¼	95¼
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	102¼	103¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	92¼	95¼
Dana 8 1987 ..	93	94
Denmark Kngdm 7¼ 1990	83¼	84¼
DSM 9¼ 1980 ..	102	103
EIB 9 1980 ..	101¼	102¼
EIB 9¼ 1985 ..	100¼	101¼
Escom 9¼ 1989 ..	91¼	93¼
Escom 10¼ 1983 ..	100	101
Escom Fltng Rate 1982	97	98
First Chicago 7 1980 ..	95¼	96¼
GATX 8¼ 1987 ..	92¼	93¼
Gould 9¼ 1983 ..	100¼	101¼
Guardian Royal 8 1987	79	82
Gulf and Wstrn 9¼ 1980	102	103
ICI 7¼ 1992 ..	85	88
Internat Util 8¼ 1982 ..	96	97
Motorola 8 1987 ..	94¼	95¼
National Coal Board 8¼ 1988 ..	90	92
New Zealand 9 1980 ..	102	103
New Zealand 9 1982 ..	102¼	103¼
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980 ..	102¼	103¼
Nippon Steel 9¼ 1980 ..	100	101
N. A. Rockwell 8¼ 1987	92¼	93¼
Occidental 10 1981 ..	101¼	102¼
Ontario Hydro 9 1980 ..	102¼	103¼
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	91¼	92¼
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	104	105
Pennwalt 8 1987 ..	93	94
Ralston Purina 7¼ 1987	93¼	94¼
Scanraff 7¼ 1990 ..	91	92
Scanraff 8¼ 1988 ..	98	99
Shell 7¼ 1987 ..	94¼	95¼
Singer 11 1977 ..	97	99
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103¼	103¼
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980 ..	102¼	103¼
Standard Oil 8¼ 1983 ..	100¼	101¼
Standard Oil 8¼ 1989 ..	100¼	101¼
Statsgoretag 9¼ 1980 ..	100¼	101¼
Sybron 8 1987 ..	92	93
Tenneco 7¼ 1987 ..	90	91
Textron 7¼ 1987 ..	90	91
Transocean Gulf 7¼ 1987 ..	94	95
Union Oil 7¼ 1987 ..	94	95
Williams & Glyns 8¼ 1987 ..	83	86

DM BONDS	Bid	Offer
CFP 8¼ 1985 ..	100	101
Denmark 9¼ 1989 ..	100	101
ICI 8¼ 1982 ..	101¼	102¼
Mexico 9 1982 ..	99¼	100¼
National Westminster 8 1981 ..	99¼	100¼
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8¼ 1982 ..	100¼	101¼
Sun Int Fin 7¼ 1980 ..	92	93

$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987 ..	65	67
American Express 4¼ 1987 ..	88	90
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	97	99
Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991	110	112
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1993	105	107
Borden 5 1992 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs 6¼ 1991 ..	107	109
Broadways Hale 4¼ 1987	80	82
Carnation 4 1988 ..	87	89
Chevron 5 1988 ..	100¼	102¼
Cummins 6¼ 1986 ..	79¼	81¼
Dart 4¼ 1987 ..	87	89
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	121	123
Economic Labs 4¼ 1987	81	83
Federated Dept Stores 4¼ 1985 ..	115	117
Ford 5 1988 ..	85	87
Ford 6 1986 ..	90	92
Gillette 4¼ 1987 ..	78¼	80¼
Gould 5 1987 ..	89¼	91¼
General Electric 4¼ 1987	88	90
Gulf and Western 5 1988	92	94
Harris 5 1987 ..	74	76
Honeywell 6 1986 ..	80	82
ITT 4¼ 1987 ..	66	68
J. Ray McDermott 4¼ 1987 ..	124	126
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	108	110
Nabisco 5¼ 1988 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Illinois 4¼ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987 ..	45	47
Revlon 4¼ 1987 ..	115	117
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988 ..	97	99
Squibb 4¼ 1987 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco 4¼ 1988 ..	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Carbide 4¼ 1982	113¼	115¼
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Corp 5 1988 ..	75¼	77¼

D = Deutschemark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

ALCAN—SPROSTONS (GUYANA)

The Government of Guyana has purchased the major assets of Sprostons (Guyana) from Aluminium Company of Canada. Compensation agreed at (Guyana) $15m (about £3.25m), subject to a year-end audit and other adjustments.

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Turnover for year to October 31 up from £2.47m to £2.93m, but pre-tax profits down from £312,000 to £278,000. Total payment, 4.88p gross (4.44p).

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1975-76 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	33	—	3.0	9.1	8.7
99	94	*Deborah Services*	98	—	7.5	7.7	5.2
144	115	Henry Sykes	142	−1	4.9	3.5	9.5
36	18	Twinlock Ord	24	—	0.9	3.9	5.9
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	61	+1	12.0	19.7	—
62	48	Unilock Holdings	60	—	4.3	7.5	11.6

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

1975-76 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd., Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9771			
33.6	20.6	Giants	31.7	31.4	3.57
33.6	21.7	Do Accum	31.3	37.1	3.57
30.5	18.2	Growth	28.1	30.8	3.57
31.5	20.7	Income	30.7	33.0	10.72
34.0	23.4	Do Accum	35.8	38.5	10.72
21.6	15.9	East & Int Acc	19.7	20.0	2.50
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
27.1	10.9	Abbey Capital	25.2	27.7	4.11
35.1	15.4	Abbey General	33.2	37.9	4.11
33.2	18.9	Do Income	24.0	29.7	6.33
27.9	13.9	Do Invest	27.9	29.6	3.59
		Albion Trust Managers Ltd., 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC3. 01-588 6371			
59.5	33.1	Albion Trust*	56.6	61.0	3.54
50.8	24.3	Do Income*	49.9	53.7	5.58
		Allied Hambro Group, Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
55.9	30.3	Allied Capital	55.9	59.7	3.19
52.4	31.4	Do 1st	52.4	56.0	5.06
51.7	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	51.7	55.2	5.06
29.3	18.2	Growth & Inc	29.3	31.3	5.75
23.2	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	23.2	28.9	5.30
38.9	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	35.6	38.1	5.51
44.8	28.1	High Income	44.8	46.1	8.85
29.3	16.6	Equity Income	29.3	31.3	8.67
21.8	16.3	International	21.1	24.7	2.10
44.6	25.0	HighYieldFnd	44.6	47.6	9.20
84.6	43.9	Hambro Fnd	84.6	90.4	5.33
42.1	22.7	Do Income	42.1	45.0	6.77
100.8	44.3	Do Recovery	100.8	107.7	6.06
18.8	9.9	Do Smaller	18.8	20.1	6.45
22.2	12.4	Do Accum	22.2	23.7	4.75
23.9	13.6	2nd Smaller	23.9	25.5	6.92
44.6	32.4	Secs of America	44.2	47.2	2.86
134.2	83.9	Exempt Fnd	134.2	141.3	5.83
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd., 252-6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
32.3	25.4	UnicornAmer	32.3	35.1	1.82
55.3	32.9	Aust Income	55.0	59.7	2.18
67.2	30.5	Do Accum	66.6	72.3	2.18
56.9	29.1	Unicorn Capital	56.9	60.9	4.18
75.9	30.3	Exempt*	75.9	79.1	6.20
22.0	11.1	Extra Income	22.0	23.4	7.83
51.2	22.4	Financial	51.2	55.4	4.12
51.3	26.5	Unicorn '500'	51.3	54.9	5.92
24.5	12.0	General	23.8	25.6	6.02
29.8	14.9	Growth Accum	29.2	31.3	4.44
61.0	30.3	Income	61.0	65.8	6.46
21.2	14.9	Recovery	21.0	22.8	4.10
87.6	47.0	Trustee	87.8	93.4	5.24
48.2	34.8	Worldwide	47.9	51.2	3.03
143.1	97.0	B'tst Inv Fnd	143.1	147.5	5.18
148.6	97.5	Do Accum	148.6	153.2	5.18
		Brandts Ltd., 36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	94.5	103.5	2.19
123.0	92.0	Do Accum (4)	106.0	114.0	2.13
111.5	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	111.5	118.5	7.37
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd., 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
180.0	113.0	B.T. Income (2)	180.0	197.0	7.99
29.0	16.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	26.2	28.8	2.02
29.1	16.0	Do Cap Accm (2)	26.9	29.3	2.02
90.0	51.0	Do Exempt (2)	90.0	98.0	5.20
13.5	9.3	Do Int Inc (3)	13.3	14.2	4.43
13.8	9.3	Do Int Acc	13.6	14.5	4.43
		The British Life, Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
		British Life · Balanced (2) · Cap Accum (2) · Dividend (2) [illegible]			
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers, Founders Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
		Brn Ship Inv (1) · Do Accum (1) [illegible]			
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers, 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
30.9	16.2	Canlife Gen	30.9	32.4	4.09
34.8	17.4	Do Accum	34.8	36.6	4.09
28.0	17.7	Income Dist	28.0	29.5	7.48
31.9	19.2	Do Accum	31.9	33.6	7.48
		Capel (James) Management Ltd., 100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ. 01-588 6010			
62.3	42.5	Capital Fnd (2)	62.0	66.0	3.80
57.4	48.5	Income Fnd (2)	57.4	59.8	6.83
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd., Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
		Carliol (3) · Do Accum · Do High Yld · Do Accum [illegible]			
		Charities Official Investment, 77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
		Income* (24) · Accum* (24) [illegible]			
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd., 1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
		Int (3) · Accum (3) · Inc (3) · Euro Fin (3) · Fund Inv (3) [illegible]			
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
		Growth Fnd · International · Reserves Fnd · High Dist [illegible]			
		Equities Securities Ltd., 41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-588 2851			
53.3	[illegible]	Progressive	53.3	56.2	4.30
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd., Amersham Rd, High Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32515			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity & Law	51.1	53.7	3.94
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd., Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
57.0	26.8	Capital	57.0	60.6	5.17
57.0	34.0	Income	57.0	60.6	7.31
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
30.8	13.0	Friends Prov	30.8	32.9	4.45
36.3	14.5	Do Accum	36.3	38.5	4.45
		Funds in Court, Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
85.0	46.0	Capital*	82.0	86.0	4.47
65.0	40.0	Gross Income*	62.0	65.0	7.35
72.0	45.0	High Yield*	70.0	74.0	8.94
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
25.8	12.8	G & A	25.3	27.0	4.64
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd., 16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
63.9	38.1	GT Cap	61.9	65.9	3.10
71.8	38.8	Do Accum	70.4	74.4	3.10
106.6	72.5	Do Income	106.6	115.0	8.60
149.6	119.7	Do US Gen Fnd	121.1	128.0	1.10
179.4	116.4	Do Japan Gen	179.9	187.1	0.70
115.8	93.9	Do Pension Ex	115.8	121.5	2.20
		Gartmore Fund Managers, 2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
23.7	[illegible]	American Fnd	23.7	25.0	1.20
34.1	[illegible]	Gartmore Brit	34.1	34.8	4.18
125.1	100.0	Capital	127.8	137.4	2.59
100.0	80.5	Exempt	85.3	91.7	4.79
37.5	22.1	High Income	37.4	40.2	10.50
50.8	46.0	Income	50.8	54.6	7.29
13.23	12.20	Ins Agencies	12.99	13.95	3.05
26.5	19.8	International	26.4	28.3	1.90
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd., Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-681 1031			
71.0	31.9	Guardhill	71.0	73.6	4.34
		Henderson Administration, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300; 11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
39.9	32.8	Aust Trst	39.4	41.1	2.67
67.2	36.3	Cabot	65.6	70.0	4.00
26.8	20.7	Cap Accum	26.4	28.1	4.74
39.3	22.8	European	38.5	41.3	3.65
48.9	25.5	Far East Trst	46.3	49.8	1.56
23.3	21.4	Financial ITU	23.0	24.5	3.46
100.5	80.5	Henderson Gr	99.5	103.0	3.17
39.1	24.5	High Income	39.1	41.9	9.89
24.3	14.6	Inc & Assets	23.3	24.7	5.74
23.9	17.5	International	23.0	24.5	2.85
32.4	32.2	Nth American	38.1	38.0	3.18
26.5	19.6	Oil & Nat Res	23.6	25.1	4.82
65.8	44.3	World Wide	68.8	73.6	3.42
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 45 Beech St, EC2 P2OX. 01-628 8011			
59.3	40.8	Dollar	59.3	62.5	2.53
31.5	21.6	International	31.5	33.7	2.84
137.6	84.4	British Tst	137.6	136.5	4.74
137.6	84.4	Do Guernsey	137.8	136.5	3.08
24.3	9.9	Capital	22.5	24.2	3.88
22.6	16.5	Income Tst	22.9	24.5	6.05
22.4	10.4	High Yield	22.4	24.0	7.46
43.9	19.1	Security Tst	43.9	47.0	4.74
		Jascot Securities Ltd., 21 Leven St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LH. 031-226 1421			
23.1	12.6	Compound (1)	23.1	24.7	9.27
29.7	14.1	Do Accum (1)	27.7	30.7	9.27
23.8	13.9	8½% Wdraw (1)	23.8	25.5	..
22.8	17.4	Preference	22.8	23.2	13.86
27.0	18.8	Do Accum	27.0	29.0	13.86
17.4	9.9	Cap (2)	16.0	17.2	..
16.1	11.2	Aust Comp Fnd	15.1	16.1	5.40
13.5	10.7	6% W'draw	13.5	14.1	..
23.6	18.5	Sector Lifes (3)	20.5	22.1	4.57
16.4	8.5	Fin & Prop (3)	14.4	15.5	4.31
30.4	21.5	Int Growth (4)	23.8	25.8	2.34
30.8	13.1	Nth Sea (5)	19.3	20.8	2.37
37.3	23.5	Commodity (5)	35.5	38.2	7.58
48.1	25.4	Do Accum (5)	45.9	49.9	7.58
37.7	24.1	10% W'draw (5)	35.1	37.8	..
		Key Fund Managers, 25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
54.7	31.7	Cap Fund	52.0	55.4	4.43
52.0	30.6	Energy Ind Fnd	52.0	55.4	4.21
72.2	43.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	72.2	77.0	6.17
56.3	33.8	Inc Fnd	56.3	60.2	7.58
65.9	41.5	KPIF	60.6	64.3	4.66
		Lawson Securities, 63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
21.8	20.4	American Fnd	21.7	23.1	2.59
26.8	20.5	Do Accum	21.8	23.5	2.59
29.6	21.6	Gilt&Warrant	27.5	29.5	3.24
40.6	27.3	High Yield Fnd	38.6	41.6	12.00
44.3	28.0	Do Accum	44.3	47.3	12.00
78.7	47.5	Scottish Inc	70.4	75.4	4.17
77.7	47.5	Do Accum	72.4	78.4	4.17
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
44.8	26.6	Distribution (40)	43.4	46.0	5.25
51.0	26.2	Do Accum (40)	49.8	52.8	5.25
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers, 71 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1288			
41.0	18.9	1st Income	41.0	44.0	4.38
51.7	23.0	Do Accum	51.7	55.5	4.38
43.8	21.3	2nd Income	43.7	46.9	3.50
51.7	24.5	Do Accum	51.5	55.3	3.50
56.2	28.0	3rd Income	56.2	60.3	6.26
80.7	39.0	Do Accum	80.2	86.7	6.26
		M & G Securities, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
132.8	76.7	M & G General	132.8	140.6	5.31
186.6	103.9	Do Accum	186.8	197.8	5.31
121.8	74.1	2nd Gen	119.2	126.4	5.11
165.2	95.8	Do Accum	165.2	175.1	5.11
100.9	52.2	Mid & Gen	100.9	107.0	7.17
147.1	75.9	Do Accum	147.1	155.9	7.17
85.0	58.8	Div Fnd	85.0	90.1	7.83
140.7	69.5	Do Accum	140.7	149.1	7.83
[illegible]	[illegible]	Special Trst	[illegible]	91.8	5.06
100.5	66.2	Do Accum	100.5	106.5	5.06
191.0	130.4	Magnum Fnd	175.5	184.3	4.18
219.4	145.2	Do Accum	203.9	214.1	4.18
50.7	[illegible]	FITS	50.7	53.7	3.61
57.1	[illegible]	Do Accum	57.1	60.5	3.61
		Compound · Recovery · Extra Yield · Do Accum · Japan · Euro & Gen · American & Gen · Australasian · Far East Inc · Do Accum · Trustee Fnd · Do Accum · Charifund · Do Accum · Pension · NAA&IF · Do Accum · Midatong · Clyde Gen · Do Accum · Clyde High Inc · Do Accum [illegible]			
		Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Manager Ltd., Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S1 3RD. 0742 79842			
		Capital · Do Accum · Commodity · Do Accum · Growth · Do Accum · Income · Do Accum · International · Do Accum [illegible]			
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd., 48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
41.9	[illegible]	NPI Accum (15)	40.5	43.1	4.57
		Do Dist (15) · Do O'seas Acc · Do O'seas Dis [illegible]			
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers, 41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-606 6060			
		Capital · Income · Financial · Growth · Extra Income [illegible]			
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd., 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
		Equity · Income Fund · International · Smaller Co's [illegible]			
		Norwich Union Insurance Group, PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
234.6	98.4	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	234.6	246.9	5.20
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 15 Great St Thomas Apostle EC4. 01-236 0201			
		Financial · General · Growth Accum · Do Income · High Income · Investment · Overseas · Performance · Oceanic Index · Recovery [illegible]			
		Pearl Trust Managers Ltd., 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
		Growth · Do Accum · Income · Trust · Do Accum [illegible]			
		Pelican Unit Administration, 81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
58.5	[illegible]	Pelican	58.5	61.4	5.24
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management, 48 Hart St, Henley on Thames. 04912 6868			
101.0	46.5	Perpetual Grth	101.0	107.5	4.30
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744			
30.6	24.7	Inc & Growth	28.6	30.8	3.10
30.0	20.6	Extra Inc	30.0	31.7	10.90
41.4	29.0	Portfolio Cap	38.7	40.3	[illegible]
55.7	32.2	Growth With Inc	49.2	52.9	[illegible]
38.2	16.4	Private Port	38.3	28.8	4.31
62.5	33.8	Shenley Port	62.5	67.9	3.64
		Practical Investment Co Ltd., Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
123.0	60.1	Practical Inc	120.4	130.0	3.39
168.6	76.6	Do Accum (3)	168.0	170.5	3.59
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd., 222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
64.0	39.4	Prolific	64.0	68.6	2.80
76.8	40.1	Do High Inc	76.8	82.3	7.81
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers, Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
97.0	46.3	Prudential	97.0	103.0	4.38
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd., Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
42.0	23.8	Opp Accum (2)	42.0	44.5	5.19
		Save & Prosper Group, 4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717. Dealings to 01-554 8899 [illegible] 031-226 7351			
		Ebor Securities			
57.4	37.3	Universal Growth	57.4	61.4	2.75
52.0	22.1	Capital Accum	52.0	55.7	4.23
44.5	22.0	General	44.5	47.7	4.19
48.9	21.8	High Return	48.9	52.3	7.09
61.7	32.9	Commodity	61.7	66.0	4.81
53.6	38.0	Energy	53.6	54.0	1.64
34.1	20.4	Financial	34.1	36.5	3.85
45.8	22.9	Prop & Build	45.8	49.0	3.50
92.2	41.4	Select Grwth (9)	92.2	98.3	2.41
86.3	37.8	Select Inc (9)	86.3	90.2	6.93
181.6	135.6	Comm Pen (3)	174.2	186.4	6.25
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
29.7	17.6	Capital	29.7	31.8	2.39
60.9	38.9	Financial Secs	59.4	63.6	2.59
22.2	12.1	Investment	22.0	23.6	3.65
80.6	53.5	Euro Growth	79.6	85.2	3.01
73.1	41.4	Japan Growth	72.5	77.6	0.45
62.8	48.0	US Growth	61.7	66.3	0.91
36.1	18.3	General	36.1	38.7	4.35
45.8	22.7	High Yield	45.8	49.0	8.46
36.9	19.2	Income	34.6	38.2	7.72
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
35.9	22.1	Scotbits	35.6	38.1	3.87
43.7	22.1	Scotyields	43.7	46.8	6.17
43.9	24.6	Scotgrowth	43.6	46.7	4.02
41.4	22.6	Scotshares	41.4	44.3	4.75
226.9	134.5	Scotfunds	226.9	238.9	2.36
44.8	26.4	Scotincome	44.8	47.2	6.45
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd., 120 Cheapside, London, EC3. 01-242 8252			
77.6	40.1	Capital (16)	76.2	78.9	3.08
88.7	44.8	Do Accum	87.1	90.2	3.08
124.9	82.2	Income (16)	123.2	128.1	7.24
162.4	89.2	Do Accum	162.4	168.5	7.24
56.2	32.2	General (3)	56.3	58.6	4.20
65.2	36.5	Do Accum	63.7	66.4	4.20
35.7	27.0	Europe (15)	33.6	36.7	2.97
37.2	28.0	Do Accum	35.3	37.5	2.97
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd., 28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
41.5	25.4	Equitable (2)	41.5	44.3	5.40
45.4	25.4	Do Accum	42.8	45.5	5.40
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd., 3 Ldn Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5UL. 01-638 0473-9			
		Assets · Bank Ins & Fin · Brit High Inc · Capital Accum · Capital Growth · Century · City of London · Comm Cons · Commodity · Consolidated · Domestic · Exempt · Extra Income · Far East Fnd · Financial · Gas Ind Power · General Fund · Global Growth · Gold & General · Growth · High Income · Hundred · Income Units · Int Consumer · Int Tst Shares · Invest Tst Units · Investors Gen · Do 2nd Gen · Minerals Tst · Nat High Inc · Natural Res · New Issue · North American · Plant & Gen · Professional · Property Shares · Provident Inv · Scot Trust · Security First · Shamrock · Shield · Status Change · Unit [illegible] · Universal Fnd [illegible]			
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
51.0	27.7	American Fnd	43.5	47.3	[illegible]
97.8	53.7	Brit Cap Fnd	97.0	103.7	[illegible]
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd., Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
132.5	100.0	Exempt Eq Tst	127.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
71.0	47.5	Family Fund	70.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Target Trust Managers Ltd., Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
26.0	15.1	Commodity	25.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
53.8	31.4	Financial	53.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
34.3	18.3	Equity	34.1	[illegible]	[illegible]
150.8	81.1	Exempt	149.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
151.6	94.4	Do Accum (3)	151.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Growth · International · Do Re-invest · Investment · Professional (3) · Income · Preference [illegible]			
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd, 19 Athol Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
		Eagle · Thistle · Clayinore Fnd [illegible]			
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd., 21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
		General · Do Accum · Scottish · Do Accum [illegible]			
		Transatlantic & General Securities, 99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
		Barbican (4) · Do Accum · Barrington Fnd · Do Accum · High Yield · Do Accum · Buckingham (4) · Do Accum · Colemco · Do Accum · Endeavour · Glen Fund (2) · Do Accum · G'chester* (5) · Ldn & Brus'ls · Marlborough · Do Accum · Merlin (1) · Do Accum · Merlin Yield · Do Accum · Vang Growth (2) · Do Accum · Vang High Yield · Wickmoor · Do Accum [illegible]			
		Trident Funds, (Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd.), 140 South St, Dorking.			
17.8	10.7	UK Growth Fnd	16.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
35.0	21.9	Income Fund	34.1	38.3	10.01
29.9	18.4	10% Withdrwl	27.6	29.4	..
48.0	33.7	Int Growth	48.6	51.1	3.89
29.2	21.8	Amer Growth	28.3	30.1	..
26.1	25.0	"Nil Yield Fnd"	26.1	27.8	..
		Tyndall Managers Ltd., 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
86.4	[illegible]	Income (3)	86.4	90.9	[illegible]
137.4	[illegible]	Do Accum (3)	137.4	144.4	[illegible]
94.9	53.4	Capital (3)	94.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
123.0	[illegible]	Do Accum (3)	123.0	129.2	[illegible]
83.5	[illegible]	Canynge Fnd (3)	71.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
83.6	36.4	Do Accum (3)	81.8	86.0	[illegible]

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1975-76 High	Low	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
91.6	43.0	Exempt* (40)	88.5	95.0	4.62
101.0	51.5	Do Accum (40)	100.2	105.4	4.62
125.8	100.2	Int Earn Fnd (3)	125.8	136.6	4.76
201.6	100.2	Do Accum (3)	200.6	211.8	4.76
		Tyndall National & Commercial, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
170.8	80.0	Do Accum	158.8	[illegible]	5.55
100.4	52.2	Capital	100.4	105.0	3.77
115.0	58.6	Do Accum	115.0	120.4	3.77
		Unit Trust Account & Management, 5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
109.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	109.0	115.0	6.22
18.1	11.3	Gt Winchester	17.7	18.7	6.66
18.1	8.7	Do Overseas	16.2	17.7	6.66
		Abbey Life Assurance Co. Ltd., 1-3 St Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX. 01-248 9111			
29.4	15.6	Equity Fund (3)	28.8	30.4	..
23.4	12.2	Do Accum (3)	23.0	24.3	..
115.6	94.4	Prop Fund (27)	115.6	121.7	..
113.0	89.2	Do Accum (27)	113.0	119.0	..
65.8	41.0	Select Fund (3)	65.7	69.2	..
110.4	100.0	Conv Fund	110.4	116.3	..
104.6	101.4	Money Fund	104.6	110.1	..
121.8	94.2	Pension Prop (27)	121.8	128.3	..
69.3	37.3	Do Select (3)	50.9	63.1	..
108.9	101.0	Do Security	[illegible]	114.4	..
122.0	100.0	Do Managed	122.0	128.5	..
24.2	25.0	Equity Series 4	24.2	25.5	..
95.8	100.0	Prop Series 4	95.3	100.8	..
96.8	100.0	Conv Series 4	93.1	100.1	..
95.1	100.0	Money Series 4	95.1	100.1	..
95.8	100.0	Man Series 4	95.8	100.9	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd., 31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
97.0	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	97.0	102.1	..
99.6	100.0	Do Accum	99.6	104.8	..
127.4	100.0	Equity Fnd	127.0	133.7	..
130.9	100.0	Do Accum	130.9	137.8	..
107.5	99.6	Property Fnd	95.7	100.8	..
98.3	100.0	Do Accum	98.3	103.5	..
100.7	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	100.7	106.0	..
103.3	100.0	Do Accum	103.3	108.7	..
118.4	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	118.4	124.7	..
122.4	100.0	Do Accum	121.4	127.8	..
99.8	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	99.8	105.0	..
102.7	100.0	Do Accum	102.7	108.1	..
98.9	100.0	Property Pen	98.9	104.0	..
101.7	100.0	Do Accum	101.7	107.1	..
106.0	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	106.0	111.6	..
109.1	100.0	Do Accum	109.1	114.9	..
128.2	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	128.2	135.0	..
128.7	100.0	Do Accum	128.7	135.5	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd., Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate. Reigate 40101			
112.4	100.1	Triad Man Bond	109.4	121.0	..
99.9	100.0	Do 'B'	99.9	105.4	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co., Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-534 5544			
91.9	[illegible]	Barclaybonds	91.9	96.9	..
		Beehive Life Assurance, 71 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1288			
102.6	100.0	Black Horse Fnd	..	102.6	..
		Canada Life Assurance, 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
46.6	21.9	Equity Growth	..	46.6	..
104.3	52.5	Ret Annuity	..	104.3	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd., 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
		Equity Units · Do Accum · Do Annuity · Prop Units · Do Accum · Exec Bnd · Exec Equity · Exec Prop · Bal Bond · Equity Bond · Prop Bond · Bal Units · Deposit Bnd [illegible]			
		City of Westminster Assurance Society, 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664			
		Valuation last working day of month. 1st Units · Prop Units [illegible]			
		City of Westminster Assurance Co., 6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 9664			
		Westminster Units · Fund Bond · Speculator · Prop Annuity · Inv Option Bnd · Equity Fnd · 2nd Managed Fund · Performance · Balanced · Guarantee [illegible]			
		Commercial Union Group, St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
		Variable An Acc · Do Annuity [illegible]			
		Cornhill Insurance, 32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410			
		Capital Fnd · GS Special · Man Growth [illegible]			
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co., Addiscombe Rd, Croydon.			
		Crown Bri Inv [illegible]			
		Crusader Insurance, Vincula House, Tower Pl, EC3. 01-626 8031			
		Crus Prop [illegible]			
		Eagle Star Insurance Midland Assurance [illegible]			
		Grosvenor Life Assurance Co Ltd. [illegible]			
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group [illegible]			
		Hambro Life Assurance [illegible]			
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society [illegible]			
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd. [illegible]			
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd [illegible]			
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada [illegible]			
		Irish Life Assurance., 11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
142.5	126.9	Prop Modules	131.9	138.8	5.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Growth (31)	134.0	141.0	6.70
151.1	100.1	Managed Fnd	141.7	149.2	..
58.7	32.3	Blue Chip Fnd	58.7	61.8	4.20
		Langham Life Assurance, Mitcal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8581			
110.1	100.6	Property Bond	110.1	115.9	..
		Spec Prop Fnd · Midas Bond (34) · Capital Accum · WISP (SpecMan) [illegible]			
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd, 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
		Secure Ret · Select Inv · Do 2nd · Gilt Fnd · Equity Fnd [illegible]			
103.0	101.5	Deposit Fnd	103.0	108.0	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd., 12 Leadenhall St, EC3V 1LS. 01-623 6621			
140.0	100.0	Mult Grwth Fnd	..	147.0	..
93.6	69.3	Opt 5 Equity	93.1	98.0	..
106.5	100.0	Do Property	106.5	112.2	..
114.5	94.7	Do High Yield	114.5	120.6	..
109.3	99.9	Do Managed	109.3	115.1	..
105.1	100.0	Do Deposit	105.1	110.7	..
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152.6	100.0	Do Equity Fnd	152.6	160.7	..
123.8	100.0	Do FI Fnd	123.8	130.4	..
131.6	100.0	Do Man Fnd	131.6	138.6	..
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		Manufacturers Life Insurance, Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
32.6	17.3	Manulife (5)	32.6	34.2	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance, 125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
		Conv Dep Bnd · Do Pension · Equity Bond · Do Pension · Managed Bond · Do Pension · Money Market · Do Pension · Property Bond · Do Pension [illegible]			
		M & G Assurance, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
		Equity Bond (4) · Do Bonus · Int'l Bond (4) · Fam Bnd 1976 · Do 1977-80 · Do 1981-86 · Managed Bonds · Mirror Bonds · Pers Pen (5) · Prop Fnd (4) [illegible]			
		Norwich Union Insurance Group, PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
		Norwich Man · Do Equity · Do Prop · Do Fix Int · Do Units [illegible]			
		Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd., 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
		Prop Acc Units · Prop Dist Units [illegible]			
		Phoenix Assurance, 4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
		Wealth Assured · Ebor Ph Ass · Ebor Ph Eq [illegible]			
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co., 119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
		R Silk Prop Bnd · Do Equity Bnd · Do Series 2 · Do Managed · Do Equity Bnd · Flex Money Bnd [illegible]			
		Property Growth Assurance [illegible]			
		Prudential Pensions Ltd. [illegible]			
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd. [illegible]			
		Save & Prosper Group [illegible]			
		Schroder Life Group [illegible]			
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance [illegible]			
		Solar Walker Insurance Co Ltd. [illegible]			
		Standard Life Assurance Co. [illegible]			
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd. [illegible]			
		Target Life Assurance [illegible]			
		Trident Life, Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
		Trident Man · Do Guar Man · Do Property · Do Equity · Do High Yield · Do Money · Do Fiscal · Do Bonds · Int Money Fnd [illegible]			
		Tyndall Assurance, 18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
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		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd., 41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
		Equity Fnd · Fixed Int Fnd · Property Fnd · Cash Fund · Managed Fnd [illegible]			
		Welfare Insurance, The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
		Capital Growth · Flexible Fnd · Inv Fnd · Prop Fnd · Money Maker [illegible]			

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		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd., Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37303			
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		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) Ltd., 30 Victoria St, Douglas, IOM. 0624 4856			
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		Brandts & Grindlays (Jersey) Ltd., PO Box 63, Broad St, St Helier.			
116.0	78.0	Brandt Jersey	112.0	121.0	5.75
142.0	89.0	Do Accum	[illegible]	146.0	4.79
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		Calvin Bullock Ltd., 60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5433			
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		Charterhouse Japhet, 1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
		Adiropa · Adiverba · Fondak · Fondis · Hispano [illegible]			
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd., PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey			
151.0	101.0	Int Cap Jan 20	1[illegible]	150.0	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey), 7 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 27561			
		Channel Cap · Channel Isles [illegible]			
		Euro-syndicat Group, Agent: N M Rothschild and Sons, New Court, St Swithin's Lane, EC4.			
		Europ Inv · Fin Union Invest [illegible]			
		First General Unit Managers, 91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.			
		Bank Ireland Gil · Do Gilt Ir [illegible]			
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd., PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 26521			
		C I Fund [illegible]			
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd, 42 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UZ. 0323 26711			
		Foreign Int · Do Gov [illegible]			
		Leyandas Bermuda Management Ltd., Atlas Hse, PO Box 1039, Hamilton 5, Bermuda.			
		Chalpetik [illegible]			
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd., 29 Athol St, Douglas, IOM. Douglas 4682			
		Int Income (2) · Do Growth [illegible]			
		M & G Group, Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
		[illegible]			
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd., PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331			
		[illegible]			
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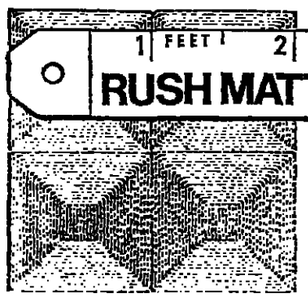
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DENISON.—On the 8th January, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Ginny and David—a son, brother for Nicolas and Munno.

FALK.—On January 6th, to Sarah (nee Barcroft) and Peter Falk—a son, brother for Chloe and Geoffrey.

JONES.—On 8th January, at The Middlesex Hospital, to Margaret (nee Blackbourn) and Edmund—a daughter.

LYON.—On January 7th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Ruth (nee Bickerdyke) and Christopher Lyon—a son (Dominic James), Moat Cottage, Hartley Wespall, Basingstoke, Hants.

STERN.—On Jan. 7, at Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa, to Judith (nee Gardner) and Peter—a son (Martin Christopher Henry).

SWAN.—On January 7th, 1976 at Shotley Bridge Hospital, co Durham, to Marnoy (nee Bulman) and Tom Swan—a son (Harry Macklyn).

VACHER.—On Thursday, 8th January, 1976, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Kerry Jane (nee Ogilvy) and Pierre—a son (Roger Bernard).

WOOD.—On 8th January, at St. Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Sarah and Christopher Wood—a daughter.

DEATHS

BAKER, GEORGE ARTHUR, C.B.E., K.S.G., F.R.C.M., H.C.N., R.A.M.—Peacefully, on 8th of January, in his 91st year, at Duras Court, Pontrilas, Hereford, dearly loved husband of Olive, father of Alan, stepfather of Michael and Grandpa of Richard, Peter and Debbie. Requiem mass at Belmont Abbey, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, 15th January. Donations to the Musicians' Benevolent Fund or to The Savage Club Benevolent Fund. Inquiries to Messrs. S. A. Evans, 25 Gaol St., Hereford.

BANFIELD.—On 3rd January, at Salisbury, Rhodesia, Connie Caroline passed away, beloved sister of George (Lofty).

BEXON.—On 7th January, MacAlister Bexon, C.B.E., aged 80 years, of Stonewaye, 52 Amersham Road, High Wycombe. Funeral service 12 noon, Tuesday, 13th January, at Little Missenden Parish Church. Flowers to David Silvey and Son, Westbourne Street, High Wycombe.

BROWN.—On December 31st, 1975, Chrissie Mary Brown, M.A., B.Sc., aged 87 years, of Woodwick, Sandy Lane, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, beloved wife of the late Peter Burton Brown, formerly of Fowler House, Putney Heath, London. Service at Stoke-on-Trent Crematorium on Tuesday, January 13th, at 2.15 p.m.

BURTON.—On January 7, 1976, very suddenly, Lady Irene Viola Burton, Malt House, Biddenden, Kent. Wife of the late Sir Geoffrey Burton and dearly loved mother and grandmother. Family funeral only. Memorial service to be announced.

DAKEYNE.—On the 8th of January, 1976, peacefully at Budleigh Salterton, Devon, Doris Mary (nee Selby Lowndes), wife of the late Norman Henry Dakeyne, beloved mother of Peter and John and sister of Violet Strickland and Betty Mills. Funeral at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday, 13th January, at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Enquiries to J. W. Palmer, Funeral Directors, Budleigh Salterton. Telephone 2204.

DICKSON WRIGHT.—On January 6th, 1976, peacefully, in the Lindo Wing of St. Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, London, W.2, Arthur Dickson Wright, surgeon. Funeral service, at West London Crematorium, Kensal Green, on Monday, 12th January, at 2.45 p.m. Memorial service to be announced later. Enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 49 Edgware Road, W.2. Tel: 723 3277.

EMANUEL.—On Jan. 8th, 1976, at St. George's Hospital, Marjory, of 9 Eaton Terrace, S.W.1, dear sister of Elizabeth Emanuel. Cremation, Golders Green, East Chapel, 3.30 p.m., on 14th January. No flowers, please.

EVANS.—On Thursday, January 8th, Fanny Isherwood, widow of Captain E. F. H. Evans, of Whitbourne Hall, nr. Worcester, aged 91 years. Funeral at St. John the Baptist Church, Whitbourne, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 13th.

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HARPUR.—On January 7th, 1976, peacefully in a nursing home, James, of Pembridge House, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, in his 91st year, loved husband of Gwendoline, and last surviving son of the late William Harpur. Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium, on Thursday, January 15th, at 11.30 a.m. No flowers, please.

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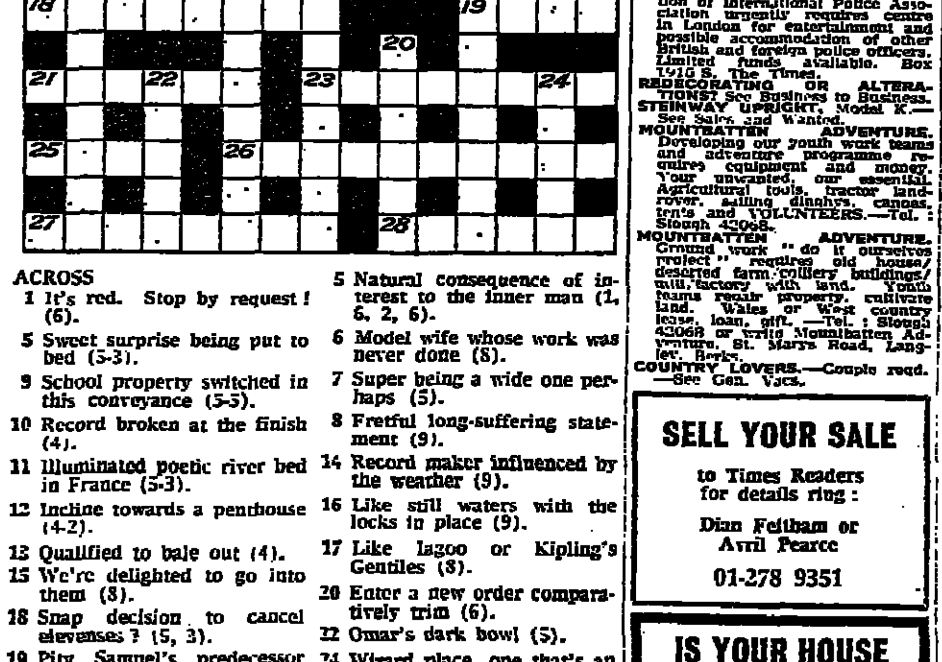
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1 It's red. Stop by request! (6).
5 Sweet surprise being put to bed (5-3).
9 School property switched in this conveyance (5-5).
10 Record broken at the finish (4).
11 Illuminated poetic river bed in France (5-3).
12 Incline towards a penthouse (4-2).
13 Qualified to bale out (4).
15 We're delighted to go into them (8).
18 Snap decision to cancel elevenses? (5, 3).
19 Pity Samuel's predecessor (4).
21 Factors may be a convenience (6).
23 Possible outcome of banking pressures (8).
25 Knock on the head (4).
26 Story of the original knockdown? (5, 5).
27 Golf-ball landed in the snow? A diplomatic fiction (5, 3).
28 Colour alternative to a brown study (6).

DOWN

2 No tax-free island this (5).
3 Rock girl stars in a night show? (9).
4 Steamer captain (6).
5 Natural consequence of interest to the inner man (1, 6, 2, 6).
6 Model wife whose work was never done (8).
7 Super being a wide one perhaps (5).
8 Fretful long-suffering statement (9).
14 Record maker influenced by the weather (9).
16 Like still waters with the locks in place (9).
17 Like lagoo or Kipling's Gentiles (8).
20 Enter a new order comparatively trim (6).
22 Omar's dark bowl (5).
24 Wizard place, one that's an inspiration at the seaside (5).

The Solution of Puzzle No 14,195 will appear on Wednesday, January 14

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